

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE QUICKLY APPROACHING

It's almost time for the yearly **ASP/CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!** It's a win-win situation: clean out your closets *and* help support our youth and their adult chaperones that will be traveling to Appalachia this summer. Our ASP mission (Appalachia Service Project) team will be going to Kentucky in June to do home repairs which will help families in need stay safer, warmer and drier. Your donation will also help to serve people right here in our own community. You may bring your donations to the fellowship hall beginning **Sunday, May 3 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, and on Monday, May 4 through Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.** If you can carry it in the door, we'll try to sell it (this means NO large items, including furniture, please)! The sale will begin the evening of **Thursday, May 7 (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm), and continue on Friday, May 8 from 8:00 am to 12 noon, and Saturday, May 9, 8:00 am to 11:00 am.** ALL hands are welcome (and needed) to help sort, price and sell. Please email Shannon Johnson at YouthDirectorWUMC@gmail.com or contact Darlene Stoltz at 549-9140 to volunteer.



GREAT DAY OF MUSIC SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17

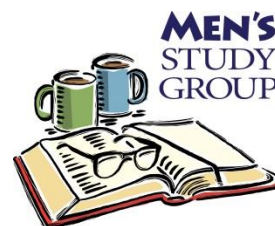
Wesley UMC is indeed fortunate to have so many musical folks, and we like to celebrate that fact by holding the annual Great Day of Music. During both morning worship services, we will hear music from our Chancel and Bell Choirs, as well as celebrate God's gift of music through congregational singing. This service is always uplifting and a wonderful way to kick off the upcoming summer months. We encourage you to invite and bring others to this special once a year worship opportunity.

STUDY GROUPS

The Tuesday morning Women's Study Group has resumed meeting. The group, led by Joyce Chase, meets



each Wednesday morning at 7:30 the library. Women of all ages are invited to join them for fellowship and book study.



**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**

Our Men's Study and Prayer Group meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 in the parlor. This group, led by Rev. Swickard, is currently using the Today in the Word devotional series. To access the devotions, please visit todayintheword.org.

You are invited to join either group at any time.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BY PURCHASING A BRAND NEW WESLEY T-SHIRT

Our youth are currently selling t-shirts sporting the new Wesley logo (see above). Stop by the table in the sanctuary hallway to order yours! The short-sleeved t-shirts are heather grey and are \$15 each. Proceeds from shirt sales will support Wesley's youth ministries. For more information, stop by the table on Sunday mornings, or contact Youth Director Shannon Johnson at YouthDirectorWUMC@gmail.com.



WESLEY RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

*We would like to extend a warm welcome
to our new WUMC members:*

Bryan & Brooke Robbins

Michael & Meredith Boner

Monte & Linda Nugent

Ron & Colleen Stoner

Eric & Dustha Wahls

Burt & Kathy Wright

*We are so glad they have joined
our church family!*

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CHURCH CAMP YET?



Summer vacations are just around the corner. Have you considered church camp for your children or grandchildren? Pick up a camping brochure in the office or at the guest center in the sanctuary entryway to see what types of camps are available. Camps are offered June 14th to August 9th and are available for all ages. Go to <http://www.igrc.org/campsessions> for a full listing. Questions? Email Pam Johnson at pjohnson161@hotmail.com.

WESLEY CAMPING REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

1. Parents or guardians of applicants must be members of Wesley UMC.
2. One camp per student (K-12) per year will be reimbursed one half the cost of registration, up to \$250.00.
3. To be reimbursed, the camp must be affiliated with the United Methodist Church, as found in the IGRC brochure.
4. A hard copy of the paid receipt needs to be submitted to the church office prior to the beginning of camp. Reimbursement will be made upon completion of the camp session and verification of attendance.

*The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May.*

~Edwin Way Teale

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is expressed:

to Jeannie & Bob Hawkins
on the death of Jeannie's brother
Larry Chism, March 12, 2015.

to Hal Malehorn on the death of
Eddie Malehorn, March 25, 2015.

to Kevin Davis & family
on the death of Kevin's mother
Evelyn Davis, March 25, 2015.

to Jerry Heath on the death of
Margery Heath, April 7, 2015.

to Kay Helton on the death of
Bill Helton, April 13, 2015.

to Kim & Max Coffey on the death of
Kim's grandmother
Wanda Trapper, April 20, 2015
and Max's brother
James Coffey, April 21, 2015.

to JoDe Lanman and her family on the
death of her father
Bobby "Bob" Butcher, April 22, 2015.

followed by the Friendship Sunday school class. Lemonade was a must between services. He was also blessed to share in Bible study and bell choir at Brookstone, each led by Wesley members, and in the Basket Ministry's visits and gifts. Thank you for embracing my father in God's love.

Darlene Stoltz



**Happy May Birthday
to the following Wesley folks!**

Don Bardsley	Carol Birch
Robyn Carr	David Clausing
Rita Cox	Brenda Crimmins
Libby Damann	Max Davis
Michael Dietz	Alec Easter
Jim Ernst	Brock Esarey
Daniel Fagaly	Frank Fraembs
Jane Gilbert	Jim Grant
Ally Guinto	Susan Hay
Jack Helton	Abbie Jackson
Steve Johnson	Bob Jorstad
Lori King	Graydon Kramer
Hannah Larson	Dorothy Macy
Jean Mapes	Jan McMorris
Pat Meyerholtz	Terry Noble
Jim Replogle	Susan Snyder
Sheryl Snyder	Juan Socarras
Janet Truesdale	Bonnie Woodyard
Maria Fichter Wandling	



Many thanks to
our Wesley
Church family
for your prayers,
cards, and gifts
in remembrance
of my father,

Dale Abbott. From the time I brought him to live in Charleston at Brookstone Estates five years ago through his time of passing, the Wesley Church family was a part of his life. He enjoyed the early church service



SPRING IS HERE!

WESLEY BIBLE GARDEN: MAY

Dogwood
(*Cornus florida*, *C.kousa*)



The beloved flowering dogwood tree, found in home gardens across the country, is just one of many types of dogwoods. Some species are native to the United States. The Bible garden's dogwood tree is located in the northern section of the planting area.

I found a poem about this wonderful, enchanted tree I'd like to share with you.

LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE

*In Jesus' time, the dogwood grew
To a stately size and a lovely hue.*

*'Twas strong & firm its branches interwoven
For the cross of Christ its timbers were
chosen.*

*Seeing the distress at this use of their wood
Christ made a promise which still holds
good:*

*"Never again shall the dogwood grow
Large enough to be used so...
Slender & twisted, it shall be
With blossoms like the cross for all to see.
As blood stains the petals marked in brown
The blossom's center wears a thorny
crown.*

*All who see it will remember me
Crucified on a cross from the dogwood
tree.*

*Cherished and protected this tree shall be
A reminder to all of my agony."*

~Author Unknown

From Terri Farley



40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS CONTINUES

Lent is over, and Easter has passed. However, several of us are continuing to dig deep into our closets, attics, basements, and other overloaded storage places in our efforts to de-clutter and live a simpler, more Christ-filled life. If you would like to join us, search for Wesley United Methodist Church 40 Bags/40 Days on Facebook and ask to join. There's still time to get your donations together for the ASP/ Church Rummage Sale! You can bring your items to the church beginning this Sunday, May 3.

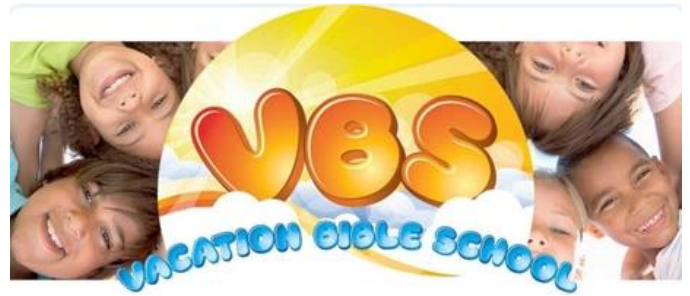


WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR WESLEY CHURCH FAMILY?

Nancy Marlow would like to start scheduling some multigenerational family fun events—perhaps on a monthly basis. Activities she has been thinking about include a swim party, a dance night, a talent show, an all-church birthday party, etc. However, she can't do this alone; she would like a team of individuals willing to help her put these together. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Nancy Marlow in the church office (345-3917) or e-mail her at nmarlow@charlestonwesley.org.

DINNERS FOR 6/8

Instead of the individual get-togethers during the May/June time period, the members of the Dinners for 6/8 group will have a combined get-together. Possible dates for this event are Saturday, May 16; Saturday, June 6; or Saturday, June 27. Please contact Nancy Marlow in the church office or by e-mail at nmarlow@charlestonwesley.org to let her know which date(s) work for you. The date with the most "yes" votes will be the winner. Please thank Kathy and Dick Hummel for graciously allowing us to use their home for this get-together.



SAVE THE DATES!

Please mark **JULY 13-17** on your calendar for this summer's VBS! Kids in preschool – 6th grade are invited to join the fun, and, as always, we will need LOTS of volunteers to make this year's Vacation Bible School the best ever. Run to the nearest calendar and **SAVE THE DATES** now!



DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU?

Are you lonely, depressed, feeling anxious or just stressed out? There is a Stephen Minister in this church who wants to walk beside you through your difficulties. A Stephen Minister will listen to what you have to say without ever judging you. You don't have to "go it alone." Call Nancy Marlow at the church or e-mail her at nmarlow@charlestonwesley.org to learn more about how a Stephen Minister can provide distinctively Christian care and support.

Welcome to our five new Stephen Ministers who were commissioned during worship on Sunday, April 19: Jane Gilbert, Bruce Gubbins, Loretta Lahr, Maria Fichter Wandling and Kathy Wright.

UMCOR U.S. DISASTER RELIEF – MAY MISSION PROJECT

The Missions Work Area has selected **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief** as our May Mission Project. With the beauty of spring can come the ugliness of spring – severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flooding. It is because of the possibility of these natural disasters occurring that the Missions Work Area has chosen to be proactive in May.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to dozens of disasters every year, and is there even when the news cameras are not. **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief** responds in the aftermath of storms with relief kits, tarps, blankets and trained Volunteer Response Teams. Relief kits include: Bedding Kits, Birthing Kits, Cleaning Buckets, Health Kits, Layette Kits,

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School Kits, and Sewing Kits. Plus, UMCOR personnel remain in the affected areas long after the initial disaster has struck helping and empowering communities to move forward to a new and better future.

If you would like to support this effort, please make out your check to Wesley UMC with SPRING STORMS on the memo line or donate online by visiting our website: charlestonwesley.org. Click on the Online Giving option under the Worship tab. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there are blue mission offering envelopes in the pew backs. Thank you very much for your support.

Your Missions Work Area

MEMORIAL FUND

Gifts have been given to the
Wesley Memorial Fund
in memory of
Dale Abbott, Diane Voth
and
Bill Helton.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR DAILY E-VOTIONS?

If you do not already receive our daily email devotions, which we call E-votions, it's easy to sign up. Just email Rosalie Addison: raddison@charlestonwesley.org. Each weekday morning (M - F) you will receive a short prayer or other devotion in your inbox. It's a great way to start your day!



WESLEY SEEKING SOUP STOP TEAM MEMBERS

Soup Stop, located at Otterbein UMC in Charleston, is in need of volunteers to help with lunch on Tuesdays, and WUMC has been asked to assemble a team.

Volunteers are directed by long-term volunteers/program coordinators, with three to four volunteers needed each day to assist them. There is no cooking involved, since the hot food comes from What's Cookin', and the primary volunteer tasks are activities such as setting up, assembling the food, serving, and then helping with general clean-up. Volunteers generally sit down with Soup Stop patrons to talk during lunch, as part of an informal lunchtime program which all participants find to be very rewarding.

If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Rich Wandling at fichterwandling@consolidated.net or 345-1450. Even if you can help just one Tuesday a month, your service will be both needed and appreciated.

One of God's arrangements is that after winter there should come beautiful spring days. It happens every year and it happens in every life. ~ Father Joseph



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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

A Time of Fellowship takes place at 9:30AM

Sunday School for all ages - 9:50AM

**THE WESLEY CIRCUIT
 MAY – 2015**



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