

The Wesley Times

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God's Timing



It was February 2020, and I was feeling like I was not where I was called to be. As someone that has felt called to "work" in ministry since she was a junior high school, this was a very scary feeling. So, I did something I never have done before, I resigned from a church simply based on a feeling that I felt I was getting from God. The other positions I had in a church setting were all voluntary (unpaid) positions, so the people within those congregations knew it may only be a matter of time before I must get a "real" job. This was a church I felt had been my home for 3 years, it was the first position I received when my husband and I moved to Wilmington. But I knew my time there was coming to an end soon. I was feeling the need to move on to a church I was more familiar with as far as denomination and style of worship service. Little did I know that just a month after my resignation, the world would pretty much shut down due to Covid 19.

I barely had time to look for a new church home and new place of employment before everything had shut down. Now that I look back on it though, I feel like I resigned in exactly God's time. It was like I took a forced year off from ministry to think and pray about my next steps. The first couple of months were so weird! I do not remember the last time I did not attend church! Then after a few more months of quarantine, I began to get used to not attending church. I still felt like I was not doing what God wanted me to do, and I knew working in a church and ministering to children and youth is where I was supposed to be, but who is hiring right now during a pandemic?! I was starting to feel a push from God. God was helping me with my patience during quarantine (like many of us), everything was put on hold!

So, I gave it a few more months before I started seriously looking into working in a church. I volunteered for a local program (and still am, but it is on hold for now) because I just felt like I wanted to minister to someone, even if it was not in a church setting. It is important for us to get out of these church walls and do more than just "churchy" ministering. I know that is not for everyone, but I love it and feel that I have a heart for it. But, at this point I am still feeling that nudge from God. It's like God is telling me that I'm doing a good job ministering to others, but I'm not quite where He wants me to be yet.

Finally, after Christmas time 2020, I decide to look for a position in a church, which is how I found my new church home and position at Wesley Memorial. I really do feel like it was all in God's time, especially as I look back over the last year. Working with children, you must be a patient person, and I think this past year has taught me to just be patient and wait on God's time. 2020 has made everyone a little frustrated, but at the same time, as Christians it should have helped us to grow a lot too. We put our trust in God that everything after this pandemic would work out, and we waited and waited and waited. Now we are entering a time when vaccines are becoming more available, and we can start to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

I am so blessed and excited to be a part of the pumpkin church! I am excited that I get to minister here while we are finally figuring out how to get past this pandemic. I know it will take some learning because there are still some unknowns for the upcoming summer and fall, but challenges help us grow! Finding new ways to minister not just in person but virtually just means we must rely more on God and ask Him for extra patience and guidance. We just need to remember that everything will fall into place, not in our time, but in God's time!

Peace and (Covid friendly) air hugs,
Erica Little


PREACHING
SCHEDULE

May 2: Rev. Duane Partin
May 9-**Mother's Day: Rev. Duane Partin**
May 16: Rev. Duane Partin
May 23-Pentecost: Rev. Duane Partin
May 30: Rev. Kwan Kim

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER IS MAY 25.



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Joyce Coleman upon the death of her husband, Jerry Coleman, Jr. who died April 7.

The family of Dorothy Matthews upon her death on April 9.

MaLou Stokes upon the death of her husband, John Stokes on April 21.

Please remember to keep all of these families in your prayers during this difficult time.

SPOT ON WESLEY

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AS A **SPOTLIGHT** IS PUT ON SOME OF THE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES YOU HELP SUPPORT AT WESLEY MEMORIAL BY GIVING TO THE BUDGET.



SPOT ON WESLEY

MAY 2

MISSIONS COMMITTEE - MRS. DAWN OLDS

MAY 9

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MRS. HEATHER BEAVES

MAY 16

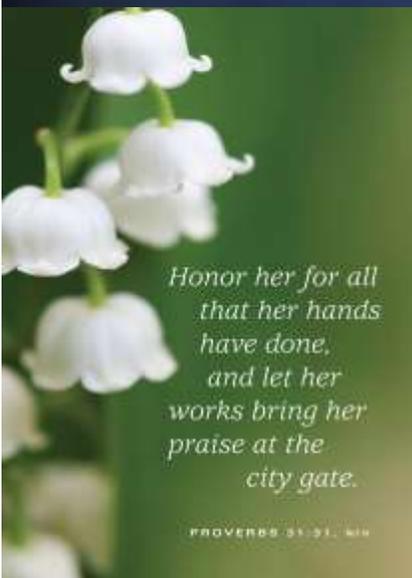
CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM - MR. THOM PORTER

MAY 23

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - MS. PATTY HOWEY

MAY 30

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES - REV. BILL COTTINGHAM



Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

PROVERBS 31:21, 24



With the events that are happening in today's world most of our communication is done electronically via email. If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please contact the church office (910-791-4092 or office@welcometowesley.com) to make sure you are on our email list so that you don't miss out on things happening at Wesley Memorial.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
 Following the Children's Message children ages 4 yrs-1st grade may attend Children's Worship for activities and games located in Room 104 of the main Sanctuary Building.

Children's Worship is not available the first Sunday of the month so that the children can be with their families for communion.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
 AVAILABLE FOR
 AGES 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE

3 YEARS-KINDERGARTEN
 ROOM 103

1st Grade-5th Grade
 Room 104

CHILDREN'S MUSIC
 Children will perform Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day! The last rehearsal will be Sunday May 2, 5:00 in the Gathering Hall

On Sunday, May 9 please have your child in the Sanctuary at 10:45 am for a brief rehearsal.

SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WE MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP CONTACT ERICA LITTLE, CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR VIA EMAIL AT ERICAL@WELCOMETOWESLEY.COM



YOUTH NEWS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, YOUTH MEET SUNDAYS AT 5:00 PM IN THE MAE SPENCER BUILDING FOR FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, AND A DEVOTION.

May 2
 We will meet at Jungle Rapids at 5:00 pm. The cost of admittance will be covered, but youth are to bring money for food or games.

May 9
 Mother's Day. Youth will NOT meet.

COREY WAS BORN IN WEST CHESTER, PA., ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE, NC AND GRADUATED COLLEGE FROM UNCW.

HE IS MARRIED TO SARA RAND.

HE WAS A MISSIONARY WITH CRU FOR TWO YEARS IN EAST ASIA. LATER SPENT TWO YEARS IN S. KOREA TEACHING ENGLISH AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

HE LOVES THE OUTDOORS AND TWO OF HIS FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND KAYAKING. HIS HOBBIES INCLUDE READING, FILM DEVELOPMENT AND EDITING AS WELL AS VIDEO GAME DESIGN. HIS FAVORITE BOOK IS

"MERE CHRISTIANITY" BY C. S. LEWIS.



YOUTH DIRECTOR

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Application are available for high school graduates, incoming college students and current college students.

Pick up applications in the church office or see Loria Frazier.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, May 13, 3:00 pm no exceptions.



Boston Butt Sale

BOY SCOUT TROOP 26 WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR THEIR ANNUAL BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER BEGINNING APRIL 1.

TO ORDER YOUR BOSTON BUTT CONTACT CHRIS WOOLARD
910-619-9778.

PICK-UP WILL BE SATURDAY, JUNE 5.



UMW NEWS

Thanks,
Everyone!



The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone that volunteered, baked, priced, donated, planted, worked and shopped the Spring Bazaar!! They made approximately \$2800 for missions and ministry. THANK YOU!!

SAVE THE DATE

August 17, 2021

UMW Friendship Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

October 23, 2021

UMW Annual Fall Bazaar, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

November 19-20, 2021

Wesley Memorial Women's Retreat, Ft. Caswell



WARM

Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry

May 17-20

Wesley Memorial will team with WARM to perform repairs on a home in New Hanover County. Volunteers are needed for the entire week or for one day. Materials, basic tools, and construction supervision will be provided. Some construction experience helpful but not necessary. Work generally consists of repairing floors, walls, ceilings, siding, entry steps, bathroom fixtures, painting, and yard work. COVID precautions will be followed. Masks will be worn while working inside. Please contact Phil Payonk at ppayonk@ec.rr.com if you would like to participate.

MUSIC NEWS

May 2

A Vineyard Grows
Mrs. Mirla Criste

May 9

O Sing to the Lord a New Song
Children's Xylophones & Ms. Catriona MacLean
Show Us How To Love
Chancel Choir

May 16

All Things Bright & Beautiful
Mrs. Carol Leinbach & Mrs. Daphne Driskill-Hammered Dulcimers
Ms. Catriona MacLean-Soprano

May 23

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart/Eu'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Wesley Ringers
Spirit of God
Mrs. Carol Leinbach & Mrs. Daphne Driskill -Hammered Dulcimers
Dr. Bettsy Curtis-Violin
Mr. Vince Stout-Bass,
Ms. Catriona MacLean-Soprano

May 30

All Because of Him
Ms. Catriona MacLean, Mrs. Mirla Criste, & Mrs. Emily Painter
Dr. Bettsy Curtis-Piano
Mr. Vince Stout-Bass
Mr. Gene Palmer-Drums



We want to extend our sincere thank you for the wonderful food that was delivered to Dottie Matthew's family. It was more than a gracious plenty and served us for several days.

Dottie and her daughter's family had many fond memories work in the church office. Everyone was always so kind and welcoming.

We miss grandma Dot/Mom and will always cherish the wonderful memories she helped build with our family. Thank you for all the support from the church.

With warmest regards, The Matthews & MacDonald Family



Please welcome the following people into the Wesley Memorial Family:

Roy & Vickie Campbell who joined the church February 7 via transfer from First UMC in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Jim & Susie who joined the church May 2 via transfer from Pine Valley UMC.

Betty Gooch who joined the church May 2 via Reaffirmation of Faith.



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Ways to Give

- Online Giving - www.welcometowesley.com
- Giving Kiosk - Located in Lobby Area
- Church App - Found in your App Store
- In Person - Giving Envelope
- Text Giving - Text WMUMC to 77977
- Offering Box - Located in Lobby Area

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After Hour Emergencies

If an emergency arises after hours and you need to reach a pastor, please call the church at 910-791-4092 and press 4 to leave a message. The message will immediately be forwarded to the pastor on call and someone will contact you shortly.