



People to People

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .



Our Daily Cross: To Be Like Jesus

Dear members and Friends;

Jesus said, "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me." The "cross" Jesus says we must take up each day if we are to follow him is not a cross of wood but it is still a real cross nonetheless. It is a cross made of love and each day we are called in many ways to love as Jesus does. He loves us so much that when we love each other without expecting anything in return we love as Jesus does. When we pray, we completely trust in God as Jesus does. Every day of our lives offer many opportunities to carry the cross as Jesus does.

The Lenten season is a 40-day period (except Sundays) in preparation for Resurrection

Sunday. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in preparation for his ministry. During these next 40 days, we fast, sacrifice, examine our own spiritual journey and our relationship with each other just as Jesus did.

I am writing this letter trying to get back into a routine. In 35 years of ministry I have never lost 2 Sundays in a row. We are called to adjust and "Keep on Keepin' on". I want to encourage everyone to continue to live each day the best that you can. Jesus lives a life of faith, hope, love and forgiveness. We are called to do the same as Jesus did.

As we continue during this Lenten Season, may it be a time of devotion, self-examination, and fasting just

as Jesus did. Psalm 51: 10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Let us pray.

Gracious God, my prayer is that during this Lenten season I will be brought closer to you and that you will reveal your will for me more clearly. Most loving Father, may our entire church family at Wesley Grove come together and pray together and grow together as we journey through this Lenten season and our ever changing world. May we be able to live as Jesus did and may we be able to love one another as Jesus continues to do.

Happiness, Joy and Peace,
Rev. Kenneth S. Valentine



SPRING FORWARD!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 14th
At 2:00 AM
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!

WESLEY GROVE TRUSTEE NOTES

Spring is just around the corner and I know there is green grass under all the snow piles, but just not sure when we might get to see all the grass. The church has been fortunate for the past few years that we had light snow falls. Thanks to Richard Taylor and Nick Stanco the church parking lot has been plowed after each snowfall without cost to the church. Because of the depth of the heavy snows in December, January and February, we were forced to hire someone to plow the church parking lot. As of February 21st the Trustees have paid over \$2200 to have the church parking lot plowed after these last three snowfalls. Let's hope that any March and April snow falls somewhere else.

Thanks to those church members and Scouts from Troop 346 Venture crew that helped to clean the walkways and entrances to the church. Also thanks to Allen Honaker for his donation of a snow blower that made the removal of snow from the sidewalks a lot easier.

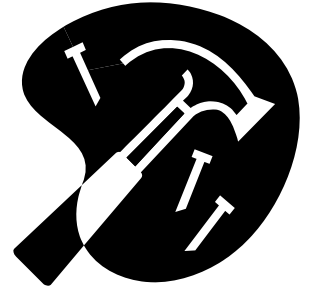
The Trustees plan to hold a workday on March 13th. There will be cleaning work

both inside and outside the church. If you can spare an hour, please stop by and lend a hand cleaning the church. Workday hours are normally 8am to 4pm and a list of work needed will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.

The Trustees have purchased a new computer for the church secretary to replace the old church computer, which crashed.

Utilities cost for the church have increased each year for the past five years. The Gas & Electric cost for 2009 was \$14,133.00. It is important that all thermostats are adjusted to avoid wasting power and unnecessary equipment is turned off when the church building is not in use. Please remember to make sure we properly control all gas, electric and water usage to avoid wasting money and resources. Please notify the Trustees of any problems you may have controlling the gas, electric or water sources.

Removal of trees that hang over the lower parking lot and have damaged limbs will take place when weather permits. Anyone who is interested in this wood when the trees are removed, please contact the Trustees.



"Logic stems from the mind of man, therefore it's limited, it's flawed. Faith gives you hope, keeps you from despair.

Faith is what picks you up and ensures you keep going. Logic keeps you lying face down in the muck at your feet."

-First Daughter by Lustbader

2010 ANNUAL SWEETHEART BREAKFAST RESCHEDULED



We have set a new date for the Sweetheart Breakfast and auction which was postponed from February 13th due to snow. I believe this is the first time in history we have had to postpone the Sweetheart Breakfast. We would like to invite everyone to attend our annual Sweetheart Breakfast on March 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Our cooks this year are Ken Joy, Steve Temple, Darryl Priest and Ed Stratton. The menu will be sausage, eggs, pancakes, potatoes, juice and coffee. Immediately after breakfast we will hold our annual auction with all proceeds going to the Jen Wertz scholarship fund. This fund allows children to attend our pre-school that might not

otherwise be able to attend. All of the money in the scholarship fund was used this year, so we would like to build the fund back up with a successful auction. If you have a special item or a specialty baked good, please donate it to our auction. Without these items we cannot have a successful auction. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. You need not bring a sweetheart but if you have one, please bring them with you.

We look forward to seeing you there. Once again the date is MARCH 6TH AT 9 AM.

Herb, on behalf of the Wesley Grove Men's Club

WESLEY GROVE PRE-K

The Wesley Grove Pre-K has been very busy so far this year.



In September, we visited the Anne Arundel County Fair and then in October we visited Green Meadows Farm to learn about farm animals and to pick a pumpkin. We also participated in Christian Education Sunday singing some of our favorite songs. The Pre-K had their annual Back to School night the beginning of October along with the Scholastic Book Fair.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with sharings and the four-year-olds had a big feast in the large fellowship hall.

December brought with it our first snow storm of the season and the postponement of

our Christmas programs until after the winter break.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day with parties (again, a little late due to snow).

Registration for the 2010/2011 school year will be March 10 & 11, 2010.

April 26 - 30, 2010 we will be having another Scholastic Book Fair in the fellowship hall. This is a - Buy One - Get One Free, a great way to stock up on some children's book. If anyone is interested in buying books for a child or grandchild, call me for the times the book fair will be open. (410-787-0745)

Susan Russo

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On March 27th, the Wesley Grove UMC Sunday School will hold their annual Palm Saturday Party from 6:00 -7:15 PM for all of our Sunday School children. And you're also invited to bring a friend or neighbor, or two, or three, for food, fun, fellowship, crafts, and an old-fashioned Easter Egg hunt (outdoors weather permitting!) Older children are also welcome to come (we need the help)! And as always, parents (and grandparents too!) are invited to attend with the children.

And the very next day, Palm Sunday—March 28th, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, we will hold our annual bake sale fund raiser, with all

money raised going to the support of our Sunday School- sponsored child Abeba Kebebe from Ethiopia. Abeba is sponsored through Compassion International, and her photograph and recent letters are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

And lastly, please don't forget our "bring-a-friend" breakfasts scheduled for March 14th and April 11th. Invite one or more of your friends to come join us at Wesley Grove for breakfast and Sunday School. Thanks!

See you in Sunday School! Donna, Vickie, and Mr. Mike



WESLEY GROVE DISCIPLES

The Paschal Lamb

Continuing the decades-old tradition of performing original Easter dramas, the Wesley Grove Disciples will be presenting "*The Paschal Lamb*", written by Liz Honaker, and first performed at Wesley Grove in 2001. This is a powerful drama, which will help you focus on the Good News of Christ and our salvation through His sacrifice on the cross. We've been busy rehearsing since January, and will be performing our drama twice this year, both times at Wesley Grove—on Palm Sunday, March 28th, at 7:00pm, and on Holy Thursday, April 1st at 7:30pm.

The Disciples are a serious and dedicated group of Christians, who see this continuing

opportunity to witness to their faith in the Risen Christ, as a precious gift. And believe it or not, it's still not too late to join our ranks this year. We're always in need of a few good men and women for minor parts and/or behind the scenes assistance. So why not consider joining us? I promise that you will be blessed as well—it's the reason so many of us return year after year! Please call me if you have any questions—410-551-4523.

And thanks for your prayers and support.

In His Name,

Michael Gowen



WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

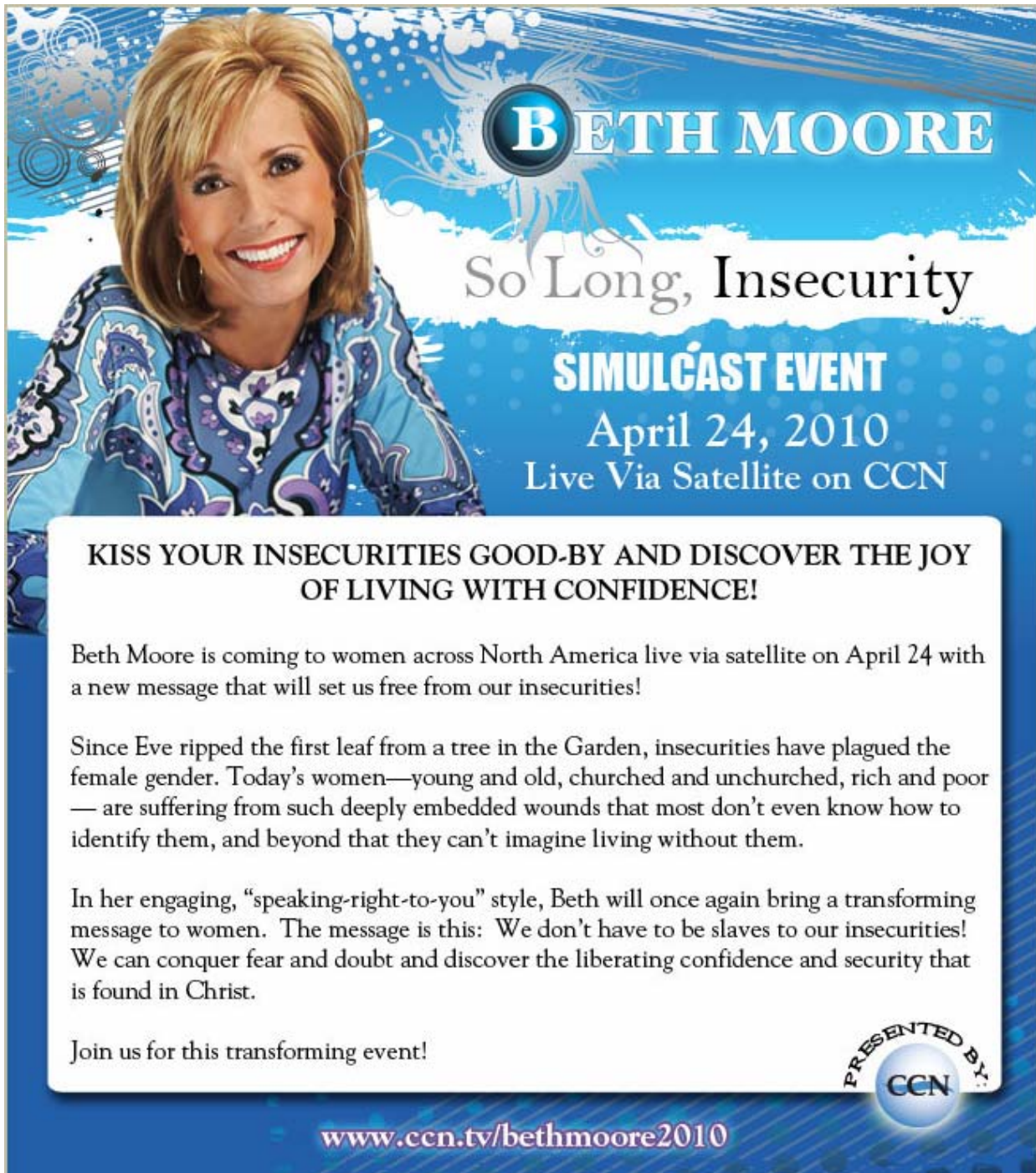
Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers. With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice: If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. **REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.** While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.** The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is **NOT** with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION. . No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit <http://www.bbb.org> or <http://greatermd.bbb.org/article/bbb-alerts-consumers-about-us-census-workers--10338>.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please visit <http://2010.census.gov>

A promotional graphic for a live event. On the left is a portrait of Beth Moore, a woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a blue and purple patterned top. The background is blue with white decorative elements. Text on the right includes the name 'BETH MOORE' in a large, stylized font, followed by the title 'So Long, Insecurity', 'SIMULCAST EVENT', the date 'April 24, 2010', and 'Live Via Satellite on CCN'. A white box contains promotional text and a 'PRESENTED BY CCN' logo.

BETH MOORE

So Long, Insecurity

SIMULCAST EVENT

April 24, 2010

Live Via Satellite on CCN

KISS YOUR INSECURITIES GOOD-BY AND DISCOVER THE JOY OF LIVING WITH CONFIDENCE!

Beth Moore is coming to women across North America live via satellite on April 24 with a new message that will set us free from our insecurities!

Since Eve ripped the first leaf from a tree in the Garden, insecurities have plagued the female gender. Today's women—young and old, churched and unchurchd, rich and poor — are suffering from such deeply embedded wounds that most don't even know how to identify them, and beyond that they can't imagine living without them.

In her engaging, "speaking-right-to-you" style, Beth will once again bring a transforming message to women. The message is this: We don't have to be slaves to our insecurities! We can conquer fear and doubt and discover the liberating confidence and security that is found in Christ.

Join us for this transforming event!

PRESENTED BY CCN

www.ccn.tv/bethmoore2010

Hosted by Heritage Community Church

Location: Grand Hall

Time: 10 am – 4 pm (Lunch at 12noon)

Tickets: \$15

Invite A Friend!

Contact Joan Bowman for more information at (410) 551-8500, x340

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY'S 3RD ANNUAL HOMELESS RESOURCE DAY

Glen Burnie High School
7550 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060
Saturday, March 27, 2010



What is the Homeless Resource Day? A “one-day, one stop” event where individuals and families experiencing homelessness can access benefits, medical care, substance abuse resources, mental health counseling, and a variety of social services which can ultimately lead to housing and self sufficiency.

What can you do? You can help by donating your time, goods, services, or money.

To Volunteer:

- Friday, March 26th (5pm – 8pm) Set-Up, Sorting, etc. age 15 and up can help.
- Saturday, March 27th (8am – 4pm) Must be 18 years of age or older.

Fill out a Volunteer Registration form and then fax or mail the form as instructed at the bottom of the form. Last day to register is Friday, March 12, 2010. Volunteer Registration Forms are available at www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org

Questions? Please contact Chanell Clemons, 410-269-4466 or cclemons@dhr.state.md.us

Volunteers are required to attend a training session and may choose to attend one of the following:

Tuesday, March 16 th , 2010 4:30 – 6 pm (with time for additional questions at the end) Stanton Center 92 W. Washington Street Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 263-2874	Thursday, March 18 th , 2010 7 – 8:30 pm (with time for additional questions at the end) Church on the Rock 649 Old Mill Rd Millersville, MD 21108 www.mdcotr.org (410) 987-4714	Saturday, March 20 th , 2010 10 - 11:30 am (with time for additional questions at the end) Sarah's House 2015 20th Street Fort Meade, MD 20755 (410) 551-7722
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If volunteers would like to bring donations feel free to bring them the day of training. If you have any questions about training, please call 410-269-4466.

To Donate Goods --

NEW items: Socks, underwear, backpacks, personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.), disposable wipes, and hand sanitizers (all in trial or travel sizes).

Please drop-off donations at the following locations before Friday, March 26th or at Glen Burnie High School, 7550 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Glen Burnie, MD on Friday, March 26th (3:30 pm and 5:00 pm), at the Media Building.

Stanton Center 92 W. Washington Street Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 263-2874 Mon-Fri (9am-4pm)	Church on the Rock 649 Old Mill Rd Millersville, MD 21108 www.mdcotr.org (410) 987-4714 Mon-Fri (9am-4pm)	Anne Arundel County Food Bank 1400 Generals Hwy (under the water tower) Crownsville, MD 21032 (410) 923-4255 Mon-Fri (9:30-11:30am; 1-2:30pm)
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To Donate Money -- Please send check or money order made out to **Homeless Resource Day, Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services 80 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401**



Happy Birthday!

Angela Blackstone	3/1	Bob Andercyk	4/1
Brandon Kwakye	3/1	Jeremy Kwakye	4/6
Betty Terry	3/1	Emma Lee Blackstone	4/7
David Eric Allison	3/2	Bruce Carpenter	4/8
Teresa Holland	3/3	Jeffrey Trout	4/9
Elizabeth Anderson	3/10	Brenda Fitzgerald	4/9
Jack Seal	3/11	Andrew Stratton	4/14
Michael Hopkins	3/15	Patricia Maley	4/17
Noah Blackstone	3/16	Janet Walsh	4/23
Maria Gowen	3/16	Mary Pineda	4/23
Alexander T. Morse	3/16	Jeanette Evans	4/24
Sue Cimino	3/17	Jennifer Boyer Dooley	4/26
Jennie Dozier	3/19	Kenneth Williams	4/26
Linda Mellott	3/19	Karen Stanco	4/28
Sandra Slappo	3/20	Scott Southworth	4/29
Rachel Boyer	3/25	Robert Mellott	4/29
Catherine Gable	3/25	Paul Fisher	4/30
Catherine Allison	3/26		

March

01	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		7:00 PM	Trustees' Meeting
		8:30 PM	A.A.
02	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
		7:00 PM	Play Rehearsal
03	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
06	Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Annual Sweetheart Breakfast
07	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service with Communion
		3:00 PM	N.A.
08	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		7:15 PM	Administrative Council
		8:30 PM	A.A.
09	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
		7:00 PM	Play Rehearsal
10	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
14	Sunday	DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	
		9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		3:00 PM	N.A.
15	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
16	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
		7:00 PM	Play Rehearsal
17	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
19	Friday	6:00 PM –	Girl Scouts Sleep-over
		10:00 AM	
21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		12:15 PM	Ladies Luncheon
		3:00 PM	N.A.
22	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
23	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
		7:00 PM	Play Rehearsal
24	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
27	Saturday	6:00 PM	Palm Saturday Children's Party
28	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		3:00 PM	N.A.
		7:00 PM	Drama Performance
29	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
30	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
31	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts

April

01	Thursday	7:30 PM	Drama Performance
02	Friday	7:30 PM	Tenebrae Good Friday Service
04	Sunday	6:30 AM	Sunrise Worship Service for Easter
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service Easter
		3:00 PM	N.A.
		7:00 PM	Youth Group
05	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
06	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
07	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
10	Saturday	8:00 AM	Men’s Monthly Breakfast
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School with Breakfast
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		3:00 PM	N.A.
		7:00 PM	Youth Group
12	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
13	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
14	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		12:15 PM	Ladies Luncheon
		3:00 PM	N.A.
		7:00 PM	Youth Group
19	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
23	Friday	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner w/ Family Night
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
		3:00 PM	N.A.
		7:00 PM	Youth Group
26	Monday	6:00 PM	T.O.P.S
		6:30 PM	Girl Scouts – All Ages
		8:30 PM	A.A.
27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
		7:15 PM	Administrative Council
28	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts





EASTER FLOWERS AT WESLEY GROVE



PLEASE NOTE – TO HAVE OUR DESIRED SELECTIONS FROM THE FLORIST, WE MUST PLACE OUR ORDER BY MARCH 14. EASTER IS APRIL 4. Thank you.

If you wish to order flowers for Easter morning, please fill out the following form. Checks should be made out to Wesley Grove U.M.W. Please return it with your payment in the offering plate or mail to:

Cathy Boyer
410-551-4774
1434 Severn Rd; Severn, MD 21144
or
Wesley Grove United Methodist Church
1320 Dorsey Rd, Hanover, MD 21076
Attn: Easter Flowers

<u>No. of flowers</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	Lily (3 to 5 blooms)	\$12.50
_____	Tulips (6 blooms)	\$10.00
_____	Daffodils (6 in. pot)	\$10.00
_____	Hyacinths (3 blooms)	\$10.00

_____ In lieu of flowers, I wish to make a monetary donation.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____



**Wesley Grove
UMC**

1320 Dorsey Road
Hanover, MD 21076

Kenneth Valentine, Pastor

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FAX:
(410) 761-xxxx

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We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.wesleygove.org



Saturday, March 27	Sunday School Palm Saturday Party	6 - 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday	
	Contemporary Service	9:00 am
	Traditional Service	11:00 am
	Easter Drama at Wesley Grove	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 1	Easter Drama at Wesley Grove	7:30 pm
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Service	7:30 pm
	Easter Sunday, April 4	
	Sunrise Service --	6:30 am
	Contemporary Service --	9:00 am
	Traditional Service --	11:00 am

WESLEY GROVE UMC

1320 Dorsey Road
Hanover, MD 21076



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