

The Messenger

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY

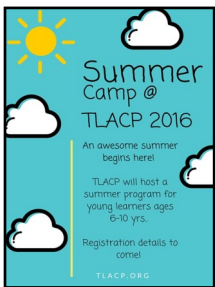
- May 8th - Graduation Recognition
 - Mother's Day
 - Wesley Woods Special Offering
- May 9th - Directory Deadline
- May 22nd- Peace with Justice Sunday



Reverend Vicki's
Retirement
Celebration!

Sunday, June 5th

2016 SUMMER CAMP AT THE LEARNING ACADEMY OF COLLEGE PARK



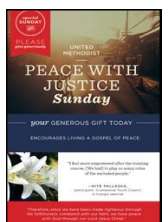
This ten week program is offered for two age groups: Pre-K-6 year olds / 7-10 year olds and will be staffed by your familiar TLACP staff members. Each week will be filled with fun exploration! Just a few of the weekly themes are: Urban Foodie, Picture Perfect, Music, and Green Week!

More information is available on the bulletin board across from the sanctuary.

Limited space is available so please contact The Learning Academy of College Park at 404-766-9252 for registration details!

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SPECIAL OFFERING IS MAY 22nd!

Although individually we may lack the resources to effect change in a broken world, together our giving is vital for the United Methodist Church to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of the UMC are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds, and yielding the fruit of peace.



Equipping The United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus' Name

Your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry working to unite Arizona border communities,
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue,
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give. In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to and experienced by the poor.

A WORD FROM REV. SMITH

They will know we are Christians...

Sometimes a serious message comes wrapped in humor as in the following tale:

An honest man is being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turns yellow just in front of him. He stops at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hits the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she misses her chance to get through the intersection with him.

As she is still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer orders her to exit her car with her hands up. He takes her to the police station where she is searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer is waiting with her personal effects. He says, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, gesturing to the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, and the 'What Would Jesus Do' and the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper stickers. Naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

Some folks wear their faith on their sleeve (or their bumper!) instead of living it, but Jesus reminds us:

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

On a personal note:

The time for leaving you is growing closer and I'm filled with mixed emotions. There is so much to do and so much I will leave undone. I'll be taking two weeks off this month to focus on packing for our upcoming move. The schedule is as follows:

- **May 15th**, Pentecost Sunday, Rev. Dr. Coy Hinton will preach. Coy needs no introduction as you know him well.
- **May 22nd**, Rev. Dr. Tara Paul will preach. Tara currently serves as Associate Pastor of Birmingham UMC in Alpharetta. She is smart, funny, edgy and energetic; I know you will enjoy hearing her speak.
- **June 5th**, will be my last Sunday in the pulpit at CPFUMC.
- **June 12th**, Rev. Dr. Stuart Gulley will preach.
- **June 19th**, your new pastor will be with you.

Peace,

Vicki



College Park's ***The Urban Foodie Feed Store*** is open for Sunday brunch and has graciously chosen CPFUMC as one of several churches in the area to honor with a 5% donation for any receipt with that church's name below the signature line. In the month of May CPFUMC to receive 5% of Sunday receipts marked with the church name!

So, if you and your family are able, please stop in and try their delicious food and don't forget to write:

CPFUMC on *your* receipt!

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir Practice- 12:15pm	2	3	4	5 Bible Study- 10:30am	6	7
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> Wesley Woods- Special Offering <u>Graduation</u> <u>Recognition Sunday</u> Choir Practice- 12:15pm	9 DIRECTORY DEADLINE!	10	11 Staff Parish Meeting- 7pm	12	13	14
15 <u>Pentecost</u> Choir Practice- 12:15pm	16 TLACP Council- 6:30pm	17	18	19 Finance Mtg- 7pm	20	21
22 Choir Practice- 12:15pm Peace w/ Justice Special Offering!	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Choir Practice- 12:15pm	30 Memorial Day- TLA and the church office are closed	31				

YOUTH SCHEDULE

CPFUMC's youth will meet in the gym from 5pm-7pm on May 1st and May 15th. Details for a final school celebration is TBD.

Hope to see you there!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/02 John Patrick Mulkey	05/21 Phyllis Ramsey
05/03 Jae Jun	05/22 David Martin
05/10 Bill Freeman	05/22 Taylor Lin
05/10 Ginger Blackstone	05/24 Barbra Coffee
05/12 Sully Willis	05/26 Nathan Whitehurst
05/16 Carolyn Price	05/27 Julia Barmby
05/16 Ewan Macaulay	05/27 Max Shirley
05/19 Curtis Strain	05/30 Stefanie White
05/20 Betty Ramage	05/31 Sallie Nardone
05/21 Jimi Hill	



I AM CURRENTLY WORKING ON MY BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT AND NEED YOUR HELP!

I am working with the American Red Cross of Georgia to bring the Home Fire Campaign to College Park. This campaign aims to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires by 25% over the next five years.

I chose this for my Eagle Scout project because I want to do something meaningful that will have a positive impact on our community. Last year, I had the opportunity to participate in Home Fire Campaign and witnessed the impact on the families.

Your help is needed as a volunteer to work with the College Park Home Fire Campaign's efforts to install free smoke alarms in homes and apartments in and around College Park. Ensuring that homes have working smoke alarms and the residents know what to do in the case of a fire is very important. With each home visit, we will help residents make a fire escape plan and install smoke alarms where necessary. The goal for my project is to install over 300 smoke alarms in over 100 homes. In addition to the Red Cross, the College Park Fire Department and Troop 631 will also be involved with my project.

Volunteers are asked to arrive and sign in between 8:30am - 9am. We will begin with a short training session promptly at 9am! Lunch is included and everyone can help.

NOTE: if you are under 13 you must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, May 14th from 9am – 12noon
College Park Fire Station 1
3737 College Street

Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054badad2fa75-college> to sign up (please include the names of all volunteers in the comment section if you will have multiple family members attending). For questions regarding the Home Fire Campaign, please contact me at griffin.m.jones@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting, Griffin Jones

MAY COUNTERS

- May 1st - Peggy Morris and Kathleen Gulley
- May 8th - Mary Bieberstein and Meredith Hodges
- May 15th - Janet Deorio and Leslie Haskins
- May 22nd - Peggy Morris and Leslie Haskins
- May 29th - West Gary and Leslie Haskins



BOLD, BRAVE, BODACIOUS WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

A bible study lead by Reverend Vicki on May 5th, 10:30am—12noon.

EACH MEETING IS A STAND ALONE LESSON.

PLEASE JOIN US!

THE LEARNING ACADEMY OF COLLEGE PARK UPDATE



Summer camp registration is in full swing and fall registration for new families is on the horizon. Our days are busy as we finish the school year strong and continue preparations for our move to the Education Building.

Speaking of the move, we are currently seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing. The Learning Academy will need assistance on making curtains and pillows for our new location. If you are interested in lending a hand (and a needle) please call the academy at 404-766-9252!

Ricci Lewis-Johnson, M.Ed.

Center Director

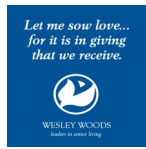
The United Methodist Men (UMM) thanks all the volunteers who made the Fish Fry happen! With the help of the community

350 meals were delivered and over \$2000 was netted for use helping others.



The Altar Guild sends a big *thank you* to everyone who made donations both, monetary and baked goods, for the Fish Fry fundraiser!

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL GIVING THE FOUNDATION OF WESLEY WOODS SUNDAY, MAY 8TH



How will your giving help an older adult thrive this Mother's Day?

Wesley Woods is the elder care ministry of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist church, which addresses serving older adults and alleviating both poverty and homelessness. Every day over nine thousand people in the U.S. turn sixty-five years old. Caring for our elders is an integral part of our faith and is critical to our society. Research shows that the supportive older adult communities at Wesley Woods offer a higher quality of life and can even postpone or eliminate the need for skilled nursing and hospitalization, leading to longer, healthier lives.

Some of the life struggles with which we help the elderly include:

- People facing homelessness;
- People unable to find a suitable place to live using their own resources;
- Individuals and couples who would deteriorate physically and emotionally without the care of being in communities such as ours; and
- People who simply cannot prepare meals and care for themselves.

Your generosity will allow these older adults to continue aging with grace. The Mother's Day Offering is one of the most significant sources of funding that The Wesley Woods Foundation receives. For more information or to donate online, visit <http://wesleywoods.thankyou4caring.org> or contact Kelli Naughton at 404-728-6857.

Thank you for your gift of love this Mother's Day!

DIRECTORY UPDATE DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 9TH

We are working on a significant update and would like to include YOU!



To that end we would like new pictures!! Snapshots from Christmas, school pictures and of course portraits are all welcome. Electronic format can be emailed to info@cpfirstumc.org or if you would like your picture returned please put it in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate. We will scan it and return it ASAP.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY:

Full name: _____ Prefer to be called: _____ B-day: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (best contact number): _____

Email address: _____

Spouse: _____ Prefer to be called: _____ B-day: _____

Phone (best contact number): _____

Email address: _____

Child 1: _____ Prefer to be called: _____ B-day: _____

Child 2: _____ Prefer to be called: _____ B-day: _____

INFORMATION TO BE KEPT IN DATABASE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relation: _____

UPDATED INFORMATION AND PICTURES MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, MAY 9TH!

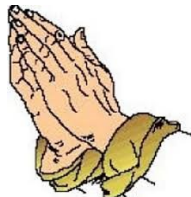
PRAYER LIST

CHURCH MEMBERS

Julie Askew
Tina Donaldson
Bill Freeman
Pearl Harrelson
Tosca Oxford
Carolyn Price
Mary Ann Ward

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jenny Dubose
Jane Hannah
Dwight Oxford
Carolyn Rowland
Todd Sinclair
Clay Zupp, Sr.



SHUT-INS

Wanda Adams
Jerry & Juanita Aldredge
Jean Cowden
Zoe Dixon
Skeeter Faulkner
Evelyn Glover
Dot Hale
Pearl Harrelson
Harry & Laura Leigh Hicks
Bobbie & Jake Longino
Verna Mills
Jewell Moore
Caroline Rowley

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is looking for a few warm, friendly, courteous, customer service-focused individuals to join their ATL volunteer team.

There are various levels of work ranging from special events to weekly four-hour shifts. They also have high school and college volunteer programs and will work with you to create a schedule that works for everyone!

If you are interested in being a volunteer at the world's busiest (and most efficient) airport please email or call:

volunteer@atlanta-airport.com
404-382-2169
for more information!