

## DISCIPLE-MAKING DISCIPLES: OUR VISION FOR CHURCH GROWTH

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?*

*And how are we to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,  
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” (Romans 10:13-15)*

Many churches these days lament how their membership and worship attendance is declining, but when asked what they are doing to invite others to a relationship with Jesus Christ, the response is often silence. For some churches, the expectation is that the pastor does all the “evangelism” work in addition to all the “maintenance” work of keeping a church afloat. However, it is clear from the scriptures that the work of evangelism and church growth belongs to all disciples.

Here at Wesley UMC we have a wonderful opportunity and tremendous potential for church growth. On average, we have an approximate weekly attendance of 180. In a given year, we may receive an approximate average of 8 new members, while losing another 8 through death and transfers. Now imagine the difference if each professing member attending our worship services made a yearly commitment to invite at least one person to faith. Such an invitation could include: (1) building a relationship with that person based on common interests, (2) occasionally sharing powerful testimonies of what God has done for you in your life, (3) regularly praying for that person and their life situation, and (4) inviting them to worship, mission, and/or other opportunities of spiritual formation where they can eventually experience more of God’s grace for themselves. Imagine what God will do with something like that!

God has a plan for us here at Wesley. People in our community may never know the good news we know if none of us do our part to proclaim it with our word and witness. It has been my vision that this church will be transformed to be a more vital disciple-making community. Such a community begins with a commitment from current disciples to be on an intentional spiritual journey of deepening our faith and trust in God. To support this vision, we created a position in Christian Formation to help us along on this journey of faith development. Church growth cannot fully happen with faith growth. So I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to rekindle the faith that is in you, nurture it toward spiritual vitality, and seek every opportunity to entrust yourself to God’s grace which forms, reforms, and transforms the Christian life.

*In Faith and Hope, Pastor Shandi*

***LIGHTINGS AND ALTAR FLOWERS...***

**THE ROSE WINDOW** lighting for October is given in loving memory of Heik P. and Irene B. Garabedian, and Robert Demers by Shirley and family.

**THE TOWER LIGHTING** for October is given in loving memory of Esther and Stanley Salme and Suisan Salme Keith by Ruth and Fred Austin and family.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** on Sunday, October 5 are given in loving memory of Joseph H. Sherman, III by The Sherman Family.

***WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...***

- ✠ Jeanne Dhavale and family following the death of her sister Emma in Scranton, PA
- ✠ Ayanna Parker, Amy Walton, and Joan Ricketts, friends of Florence Oppong, as we pray for God's strength for them.
- ✠ Someone's neighbor that she may get back her granddaughter from the child services.
- ✠ Victims of disasters in the Philippines, Haiti, and other places; that they may keep hope of rebuilding their homes.
- ✠ Danielle and Jonathan as they continue to grieve the loss of their infant child.
- ✠ Dorothy Palmgren as she struggles with health challenges; and her brother Alden who is on hospice care.
- ✠ Karen Garrett for health and wholeness
- ✠ Grace Woode for healing
- ✠ Mildred Olson for grace and peace
- ✠ Mary and Johnnell Demery for health and peace
- ✠ Church members caring for loved ones with chronic illness
- ✠ Church members dealing with news of cancer or other illnesses

**YOU ARE INVITED** to celebrate the life of Robert Adu Poku on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. View is at Callahan Funeral Home, 61 Myrtle St., Worcester from 8-10:30 AM, burial to follow at Notre Dame Cemetery. The Traditional Funeral Rites and Celebration of Life will be that evening at Wesley Church from 8 PM - 2 AM.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: AN INVITATION

On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, here at Wesley UMC, we will be welcoming **BILL EASUM**, a premier **church growth** consultant who will be leading us to reflect about how we can become a growing church. Bill Easum will share with us what churches and pastors need to know about becoming growing disciple-making churches.

Our District Superintendent, Rene Perez, says this about Bill: *"I cannot emphasize enough how helpful this time will be for you and the church. Prior to my time here as a district superintendent, I had the opportunity to invite Bill to work with the church I served. In a time when I was utterly frustrated and near desperate, Bill helped us assess our own situation in our own context, and gave us practical tools and information which catapulted us to a new level of growth. Within a year, our church had gone from no growth and just a few people trickling in to exponential growth. I believe that Bill could be helpful in your own situation, no matter what that is."*

This event is part of the training days which we as an Annual Conference committed to provide in order to resource congregations to become stronger centers of vital ministry. YOU are invited to participate. As a disciple in this church, your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service, and your witness are needed. Please come!

The program for the day will be as follows:

**9:00am** - gathering with continental breakfast

**9:30am** - worship

**10:00am** - time with Bill Easum

**12:00pm** - lunch

**1:00pm** - time with Bill Easum

**3:30pm** - adjourn

*The Cost for the event is only \$10/person which covers continental breakfast and lunch. Your Mission Shares help to cover the cost for Bill's fees. We also give thanks to Linda D'Acri for agreeing to provide the meals for us. I look forward to seeing you all there.*

*In Christ, Pastor Shandi*

**WESLEY CHURCH DIRECTORY...** The Wesley Directory is now available. You can pick up a printed copy from the Welcome Office on Sunday or you can download the directory straight to your computer at home. *It's easy!!!* If you would like to download it, email me at [office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org) and I will email you the link and directions. I will update the directory quarterly - printed sheets of changes will be available or you can easily download a new copy.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES TO START...** *Are you in interested in becoming a new member?* New member classes will be starting in October. An orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 with subsequent classes to be held at a time and day determined by the group. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Shandi at [pastorshandi@wesleyworc.org](mailto:pastorshandi@wesleyworc.org); or call him at the church office, extension 108.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! HARVEST SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2014**

We will be having a Silent Auction, so if you have anything you'd like to donate to the auction, please bring it to the office by Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please include a starting price and a description of your items. For more information contact Polly Boyns and watch the Heralds to come.

**WORCESTER INTERFAITH'S 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEGGAR'S BOWL...** The Beggar's Bowl, a fund-raiser for Worcester Interfaith, will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at First Baptist Church, 111 Park Ave., Worcester, MA from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. All are invited to come and enjoy artisan bread and homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl that is yours to keep. Donation: \$50, fully tax deductible. For tickets or more information, call Frank Kartheiser, Lead Organizer, Worcester Interfaith, at (508) 754-5001.



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU...** to everyone who donated back-packs for families with children in need. Your support and help is greatly appreciated. We received approximately 25 back-packs, all of which were distributed through Carty Cupboard to families in need. Thank you so much for your help!

*Sincerely, Allison Tremblay*

*This picture shows only some of the backpacks we received.*

## MESSAGES FROM THE CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR...

### **Project Updates**

As you know, the two bathrooms behind the stage, otherwise known as the Mary Ellis Lounge bathrooms, are in the process of being renovated. The contract has been signed and the building permit has been requested from the City of Worcester. We are estimating that construction will begin towards the end of October, and that it will take 5 to 6 weeks to complete.

This week we are contracting with the engineering firm who will do the drawings for the lower lot retaining wall.

We are awaiting final proposals for the roof work on the State Street side of the building.

Lastly, the Trustees approved the purchase of a new telephone system, and we expect to have this in place in approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

### **Finance**

Statements through September 30 will be mailed by the end of next week. Please review your statement carefully and let me know if there are any errors or omissions.

### **First Night is Coming!**

Just a heads up — First Night is coming and I will be soliciting volunteers once again. Stay tuned for more information over the next few weeks!

*Peace, Lorna*

## MESSAGES FROM THE CARTY CUPBOARD...

We are in ***desperate*** need of **Meals in a Can**.... this can be Pasta, Stew or Baked Beans.

To everyone who shops for Carty Cupboard ***THANK YOU!!***

*Nancy Spencer*

## **WESLEY YOUTH GROUP**

**Meetings: Wednesdays ~ 7-8:30 pm**

**GO ON TOUR STOP AT WESLEY UMC OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>! Doors Open at 3:30, event from 4-5:30 pm...** Wesley will host youth from all over New England on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Youth2015 GO ON tour, featuring Christian rap artist Tedashii and speaker Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth. We hope to completely fill the church! Tickets are on sale now at <http://youth2015.com/>. This event is open to all middle and high school youth. To volunteer for this event, please see Phil and Emi Smith.

**CROP WALK FOR HUNGER: October 19<sup>th</sup> – Middle and High School Youth!** We'll get pizza after church and head over to St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 695 Southbridge Street, for the walk starting at 1 pm. We will walk for 3 miles, finishing around 3 pm.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING THIS FALL –** Are you or someone you know in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older and ready to be confirmed? Phil and Emi Smith will be teaching confirmation class during the Sunday School hour of 9:30-10:30 am on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in registering for this class, please e-mail your name, phone number and grade to: [smith410@gmail.com](mailto:smith410@gmail.com).

**Emi is Graduating!** After 7 long years, it's time to celebrate as Emi Smith defends her thesis work and finally gets her PhD in Biomedical Science. The thesis defense is public, and you are invited! The defense will be Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in the Hiatt Auditorium (S1-608).

## **ANNUAL WESLEY HARVEST ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014**

**OUR CONGREGATION IS OF MANY NATIONS  
BUT WE WILL PRAISE HIS BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AS ONE**

- SILENT AUCTION BEGINNING AT 9:30 am
- SANCTUARY SERVICE AT **10:00 am**
  - ★ KOFI AND AMA EVENT - Celebrate the day of your birth
  - ★ PRAISE AND CELEBRATION MUSIC
  - ★ HARVEST AUCTION
  - ★ APPEAL FOR FUNDS
- FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN BREWER HALL FOLLOWING SERVICE
  - ★ LUNCHEON – prepared by our Ghanaian Community

## ***EXCITING SOUNDS DURING THE GREAT GATHERING!***

I still have a sound in my head. It is the sound of our sanctuary echoing with the music of a singing congregation, a pulsing drum circle, and the brightest reeds of our pipe organ. It is an inspiring and uplifting sound, and its energy has stayed with me long after silence again settled into the sanctuary. I have wanted to create something like this for a long time, but an ingredient has always been lacking.

Thanks to the drumming and leadership of our Ghanaian Choir Director, Kwaku Danquah, we have been able to fuse together disparate musical traditions in a way I never would have imagined. Everyone I have spoken with has heartily agreed: this is an instance where the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts. We have created something great together.

Have you noticed that the processional is now listed in the bulletin as the Great Gathering? This joyous, festive celebration is a time when all of our peoples gather and praise with their unique voices. Drums, pipes, and choristers alone would never create this chilling effect. We need the whole church making music as one.

But please sit with this idea for a moment: this is not just about making hymns fun. We are modeling a brave vision of peace, where people of different cultures come together and celebrate a shared hope longed for around the world. It is a vision that so many in our community are desperate to experience. I have been talking more than usual about Wesley when I'm with friends and family - I'm too excited by what's going on here to hold it in.

I don't think there has ever been a better time to invite someone to see what Wesley is all about. Please don't forget to share what is happening here with those in your outside life. It's not just a matter of proselytizing - I have talked with too many people who are looking for exactly what we have to give.

I am looking forward to seeing and hearing you all at church on Sunday. I'm as excited as you to see what's going to happen next!

*Brett Maguire*  
*Director of Music*

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Children and Youth Sunday School for Pre-school through Middle School meets upstairs on the third floor after the Time with Children at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. *We are off to a great start this year with a number of new teachers and new curriculum.*

Classes are divided into Pre-school, Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades, and Middle School. For the Pre-school and Elementary classes, we are using a rotational leadership model and the curriculum “Grow, Proclaim, Serve” from Cokesbury. Teachers, helpers, and greeters are asked to commit to two Sundays in a row two to three times a semester. This gives us full coverage of the classes as well as allowing for volunteers to attend worship on most Sundays.

As part of our implementation of Safe Sanctuaries policies at Wesley, each class has a teacher and a helper every Sunday. Additionally, there is a greeter each week that stays in the main room of Wagner Hall to help with bathroom trips and preparing and serving a snack. Also as part of Safe Sanctuaries, parents are asked to come upstairs after worship is concluded to pick up their children and accompany them downstairs. All volunteers with the Sunday School will attend a training regarding Sunday School expectations, scheduling, curriculum, and a review of Wesley’s Safe Sanctuaries policy and requirements.

We invite all children and youth from Pre-school to Middle School to join us upstairs on Sunday mornings for fun, fellowship, and learning about our faith and church! Parents and other adults, if you are interested in learning more about the Sunday School program or volunteering in any way...please contact Lisa ([lisa@wesleyworc.org](mailto:lisa@wesleyworc.org)) or call the church (x106).

### **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

A new topical study Adult Sunday School class will begin meeting in East Hall on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Initially led by Lisa Fagerstrom, this class will use the “Faith Link” curriculum from Cokesbury. The curriculum is Biblically based curriculum that addresses current topics that Christians face in living their faith in today’s world. Each session includes Scripture, a UMC perspective on the topic, links for further reading and study, and a lesson on the subject of the day.

The class will be a facilitated discussion with great attention to diverse ideas and participation by all that attend. If you are looking for a way to experience more fellowship and community while exploring opportunities for growing and living out your faith, please join us some Sunday! All are welcome!!

Listed below are topics we will cover over the next few months. Each lesson is “stand-alone” ...so come for one or two or all the Sundays!

- Oct. 19 Perfection and Faith (What did John Wesley mean by “moving on to perfection” and how is that important to us today?)
- Oct. 26 The Ebola Crisis
- Nov. 2 Communion and God’s Vision of Oneness
- Nov. 9 Doing Good (Exploring a tenet of John Wesley’s faith)
- Nov. 16 HARVEST — No Sunday School
- Nov. 23 Anxiety and Faith
- Nov. 30 Holy Rest
- Dec. 7 Freedom, Disagreement, and Christian Faith-- How does Christian faith guide us through our differences
- Dec. 14 The Nature Connection
- Dec 21 “Cosmos”--What questions are raised by the show? How does our faith inform our approach to scientific discovery?
- Jan. 4, ‘15 Depression--How can Christians support people who live with depression and those who are affected by their struggle?

### **MISSION MATTERS...**

#### **Ghanaian Association in charge of October 25<sup>th</sup> Community Supper...**

Evelyn Johnson will lead the 13<sup>th</sup> Community Supper on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 6 pm. Main dishes will be chicken and jollof rice. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Evelyn ([evelyn.johnson62@yahoo.com](mailto:evelyn.johnson62@yahoo.com)). You are invited to join us for the meal!

#### **Basketball Team Playing Again-- Snacks Needed...**

Isaac says that the Wesley Basketball Team is now practicing on Fridays, 6 to 8 pm, and having competition games on Wednesdays in Uxbridge. Alex Neild is the new coach. If you know where the team's snack carton is, please tell Betsy Pennino,

(or there will be a new one for any donations). Drinks such as lemonade, Gatorade, juice drinks with cups are best. The team also uses paper cups for popcorn, to avoid spreading germs. Snacks which have some food value are cereal bars, chocolate, oatmeal cookies, graham crackers, gingersnaps, plus apples, bananas, dried fruit, and string cheese. Thank you.

**"Next to New" items for Maine Economic Mission...** As in past years, a truck will be traveling to Maine, carrying gently used clothing and household items which you may wish to recycle. Just about any useful donation for any age group will be much appreciated. There is a labeled box in Brewer Hall for our your contributions. They will be delivered to the Maine truck on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clothing more useful to Abby's House will be donated to their thrift shop.

**Epworth UMC Clothing Sale on November 17, 2014...** Epworth's annual sale of gently used clothing and shoes will be on Saturday, Nov. 22. Remaining clothing will go on the truck to Maine-- see above. If you wish to donate your clothing to Epworth's sale, you may deliver it there during office hours (call 508-752-2376).

**HipHipHer Race to Raise \$ for Abby's House...** Abby's House is a shelter for battered or homeless women and their children. Their biggest annual fundraiser is a Walk/Run race for women, men, and youth on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. It starts at West Boylston Jr./Sr. High School and borders Wachusett Reservoir. Donations for registrations up to noon on Oct. 10th are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. For a registration form, please email Betsy Pennino ([betspenn35@hotmail.com](mailto:betspenn35@hotmail.com)).

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

In the middle of October Wesley Church will be having a new phone and voice-mail system installed. This updated system will allow us to have sub-menu's on the voice mail. With that said, we are looking for a volunteer who speaks Spanish, that will be able to translate and record the messages for the Carty Cupboard Food Pantry and the Medical Ministries.

If you are able to help us, please contact me in the office. As soon as the new system is in place, I will reach out to you to set up a date that works best for you.

*Thank you, Debi Ritacco*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Save the Date!*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, EAST HARTFORD, CT  
PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES**

The New England Conference Annual Gathering for United Methodist Women will be held on Saturday, October 25 at New Covenant United Methodist Church in East Hartford. Our theme is "Proclaim Release to the Captives" and the day will focus on modern slavery and how to be a modern abolitionist. Karen Prudente, UMW Student Abolitionists Stopping Slavery, and Love 146 will lead the program.

Registration is \$14 for the program and lunch. Please send it to Marcia Hoyt at 8 Bacon St., Natick, MA 01760 before October 15. Checks should be payable to NECUMW. Questions? Call Marcia at 508-655-0077 or email her at [marci-ahoyt@aol.com](mailto:marci-ahoyt@aol.com).

We are collecting warm socks for men, women and children for the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center in Vermont.

Anyone interested in carpooling down to East Hartford can get in touch with Allison Hansen at 508-853-5339 or [ACHis4788@aol.com](mailto:ACHis4788@aol.com).

### *Music at Trinity Lutheran Church*

**CHORAL EUCHARIST IN THE TIME AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, October 19, 2014 - 10 a.m.**

Trinity Choir sings choral works in the context of Sunday morning worship, including Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's cantata "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" and Hans Leo Hassler's "Cantate Domino," accompanied by strings and organ; featuring soprano soloist Elisabeth Gondek. *Sunday Coffee Hour follows worship.*

*To see other upcoming concerts & programs, see the poster in Brewer Hall.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you have been in worship during the 10:30 service during the past two week you might have noticed some differences in the procession, which is part of how we gather for worship. According to *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*, a procession is “a planned movement of a group of people from one place to another for some specific religious purpose, often to the accompaniment of singing and music”. In general processions do serve a very practical function in worship which is the movement of people (and objects) to the site of liturgical participation. However, the procession can serve as a strong symbol as well.

The Bible itself has many references to processions, the most regular of which occur as part of the formal worship at the temple in Jerusalem. The Old Testament refers to political and military processions as well as religious processions. In terms of processions in the context of Christian worship, some of the earliest evidence for processions in the church is found in reports from the 4<sup>th</sup> century which describe pilgrimages to sacred sites in Jerusalem during the rites of Holy Week. In the history of the church, there is also a tradition of public processions which can serve not only as acts of pilgrimage but also as acts of witness. There are some traditions in which processions involve special steps and choreography resulting in a form of religious dance.

There are many other processions that occur in the context of usual Sunday morning worship as well as in relation to special rites of the church: the procession to the font at baptism; the offertory procession; the procession of the bridal party to the altar at a wedding; the procession of the casket to the front of the church at a funeral. We can also think of our coming forward to receive communion as a congregational procession, which enables us to engage not only our spirits but also our physical bodies as we offer ourselves to serve and praise God. As we participate in various movements of worship, may we always be reminded that we do indeed worship with all that we are—hearts, souls, minds, and bodies.

*Submitted by,*

*Deborah A. O'Driscoll*

## **NEW PROGRAM FOR COUPLES LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS**

**Saturdays, October 18 through November 22, 10 am to 12 noon  
YWCA, 1 Salem Square, Worcester MA**

For couples in the church or couples you may know, I am sharing news of a great opportunity that Paul and I will be attending. The YWCA Central Massachusetts is introducing a new program to support couples living with chronic illness. *Couples Team Workout: Shaping a Strong Future with Chronic Illness* is a six-week workshop series designed to support the person with a chronic illness and that person's partner caregiver as they work together to develop a plan and build for the future.

A relationship shifts dramatically when it comes up against the 'in sickness and in health' part of the covenant—one of us is sick and one of us is healthy. The old plan no longer works. It is time to find the resources to build Plan B and to find a way to make this new plan a positive experience for the relationship.

The program is designed around the idea of teamwork, with the couples working together to shape a strong, well-planned, positive and meaningful future. It focuses on the needs of both parties. As part of the workshops, experts will help couples develop a plan and acquire tools and resources to build strong lives through financial planning, healthy lifestyle, and home planning.

The goal of the program is to enable each couple to recognize that neither member is alone, to help them identify resources and strategies to deal with the diagnosis, and to reaffirm their partnership in the midst of a difficult time.

For more information or to register, contact:

Patty Flanagan

Director of Health Promotion Services YWCA of Central Mass.

1 Salem Square

Worcester, MA 01608

508-767-2505 ext. 3021

email: [pflanagan@ywcaworcester.org](mailto:pflanagan@ywcaworcester.org)

Or if you want to talk with me about the program, please call me at 508-753-2616.

*Submitted by Linda Keister*

## 2014 HERALD SCHEDULE

Below are the next Herald mailing dates along with the deadline dates.

<u>Article Deadline Date</u>	<u>Herald Mailing Date</u>
Mon., Oct. 20	Wed., Oct. 22
Mon., Nov. 3	Wed., Nov. 5

If you have an article, please email it as a Word attachment to:

**office@wesleyworc.org**

## ALTAR FLOWERS...

Beautiful floral arrangements on the altar during Sunday worship is a special gift we offer to God as part of our praise and worship. The arrangements are usually dedicated in celebration of or in memory of a loved one. By your choice, you may take the flowers home to enjoy or you may request the flowers be delivered to a shut-in or member/friend in the hospital. If you are unable to join us in church, arrangements can be made for the flowers to be delivered to you at home after the service. A calendar of available dates and order forms are available in the Welcome Office. The cost for altar flowers is \$50. If you are not able to come to church but would like to dedicate flowers, please call Debi in the office (508-799-4191). Thank you.



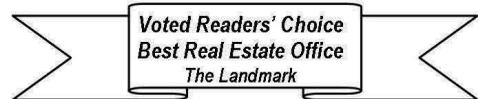
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**WESLEY HERALD**

**OCTOBER 1, 2014**

***DON'T MISS OUT...***

**WESLEY STAFF & LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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- Director of Music Ministries Brett Maguire
- Ghanaian Choir Master Kwaku Dankwa
- Music Assistant Deborah O'Driscoll
- Sunday School Superintendent
- Director of Christian Formation & Discipleship Lisa Fagerstrom
- Toddler Care Leader Lori Conlon
- Building Superintendent Phil Johnson
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