

# Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

*The Messenger*

*May 2021*

## **Celebrating Motherhood / Wesley Woods Offering**

On Sunday, May 9th as a way of celebrating Mother's Day, we'll receive a special offering for "Wesley Woods" during the morning worship service. Below you'll find a few facts about "Wesley Woods" so that you can prayerfully consider making a contribution to this important ministry.

### **Wesley Woods is...**

- Georgia's leading geriatric healthcare provider with more than 145,000 older adults served over the last five years.
- Committed to caring for older adults, the majority of whom are women.
- Part of the Emory Healthcare System and a national center of excellence in care-giving and research for age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.
- Committed to offering safe, comfortable and affordable living environments for seniors through its ten retirement communities located across Georgia.

*Wesley Woods* seeks to provide affordable housing, excellent health care, and a sense of community to many mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and aunts. More than 75% of residents are dependent on financial assistance & more than 40% live below the poverty level.

### **Wesley Woods Core Values**

These are the core values and beliefs that strengthen our communities. This is our view of the world, what we expect from ourselves and each other and how we treat our neighbors.

- We believe aging has a fulfilling purpose in life.
- We believe society is strong to the extent older adults are valued.
- We believe spiritual and personal growth is life-long.
- We believe in individual liberty and the right to self-determination.
- We welcome everyone because we believe a diverse and inclusive community creates compassion, love and kindness in the world.
- We believe hospitality starts with mutual respect, a welcoming spirit, and excellence in all we do.
- Mindfulness is central to our work. It makes us more intentional and present with those we serve.
- We believe in fun, spontaneity, laughter and a sense of optimism.
- We have servant hearts. In serving others, we honor them. It is an act of love and an expression of God's grace.

Since Wesley Woods began in 1953, United Methodists in North Georgia have given generously to the Mother's Day Offering which helps to offer charitable care assistance to many senior adults.

This Mother's Day, we invite you to honor the special women in your life by giving a gift in their honor or memory. Please make checks payable to Tunnel Hill UMC and designate them for *Wesley Woods* OR visit THUMC.org, click on "GIVE ONLINE" (located on the bottom of the homepage), then select Wesley Woods. Thanks in advance for supporting this important ministry of our church!

Grace and Peace,  
Jay



## OASIS NEWS

Things are looking up. I have really been enjoying seeing more smiling faces on Sunday mornings. It is amazing to think that a year ago I began talking with Pastor Jay about the possibility of me joining the staff at Tunnel Hill, and I still haven't had the opportunity to meet so many of our church members. I am looking forward to being able to do that soon. Our student ministry is finally getting to what normal should look like. I want to extend an invitation to all our 6th-12th grade students to join us in the OASIS house on Sunday mornings for Sunday School (we are studying in the book of Revelation) and on Wednesday nights for food, recreation, worship, and Bible study. We also have several special activities coming up in addition to our regular weekly meetings. We will be having an end of the school year bash on May 12th and our summer retreat to Panama City Beach, Florida is June 11-14. If you need more details feel free to email: [thumcoasis@gmail.com](mailto:thumcoasis@gmail.com) or catch me on Sunday mornings.

– Adam

## GOSPEL SINGING BENEFIT

Sydney Bennett, one of Wendy Bennett's daughters, is being treated for a neurological condition and continues to have many medical expenses. Several music groups and church choirs, including THUMC, are coming together for a special gospel singing to benefit Sydney and help with her medical expenses and the cost of training a service dog. This event will be held at Rocky Face Baptist Church on Sunday, May 16th at 6pm. Everyone is invited!



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will be recognizing High School and College Graduates at both worship services on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone connected to THUMC who is graduating, please call or email the Church office at [thumc@optilink.us](mailto:thumc@optilink.us) to make sure they are on the graduate list and also let us know which service he/she will be attending. Thanks!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

All THUMC Sunday School Classes are now meeting in person at 10:00am.

Children's Sunday School Classes (PK-5<sup>th</sup>) are meeting upstairs

Oasis Youth (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meet in the Oasis House

The God Project Class meets downstairs

The Men's Class meets in the Library

The Friendship Class & the Fellowship Class meet in the Fellowship Hall. You can also participate in the Friendship Class online every Sunday at 10am using the Zoom Website/App. To participate go to <https://www.Zoom.us> and sign on with this info: Meeting ID: 729 7056 5806 / Password: 012815

Also, Journey Land (kids PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the Glow Kids room upstairs on Sundays during the 9:00am service



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day / Wesley Woods Offering
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – OASIS Youth End of School Bash (6:00pm-8:00pm)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Graduate Recognition (both services)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Gospel Singing Benefit for Sydney Bennett – 6:00pm at RFBC
- June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – OASIS Youth Summer Retreat



**Please note:** Prayer requests remain on the church's prayer list for four weeks. If a request needs to stay on the list longer than four weeks, please let us know. To add or remove a friend or loved one, please contact the church office at (706) 673-4022 or [thumc@optilink.us](mailto:thumc@optilink.us).  
*Thank you!*

**THUMC Family:**

Butch Middleton, Ginny Horne, Thomas Blackwell, Anne Monk, Marilyn Martin, Jane Griffin, Polly Ridley family (Judy & Delyn Lusk), Jim Doyle family, Jack Jackson, Ouida Petrosky family (Vi Grimmett)

THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

**Extended Friends & Family of THUMC:**

Elaine Hankins – friend of Judy Lusk  
Katie Hasty – friend of Tammy Horne  
Wayne Whited – Megan Teems' father  
Jordan Garcia – friend of Liz Dennis  
Keith Locke – friend of Barry Gilley  
Nancy Estes – friend of Janice Helton  
Sue Crist – M. Martin's sister / V. Cleaver's Aunt  
Stuart Allen – friend of Valerie Cleaver  
Leigh Hall – friend of Sharon Polk  
Vicki Hedrick – Keith Hedrick's sister  
\*Friends of Frank & Carol Dubee  
\*Geri Lewallen – friend of Valerie Cleaver

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130

**Total Giving for February**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$18,309  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$865

**Total Giving for March**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$16,752  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1,985

**Total Giving for April**

GENERAL BUDGET: \$14,843  
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$3,802

### **Thanks from Anne Monk:**

*Words cannot express how much your love and care have meant to my family and me throughout Seth's illness and his passing. You have fed us, cried with us, prayed for us, and walked beside us through this "valley of the shadow". We are blessed beyond measure and we thank each and every one of you.*

*Anne Monk & family*

### **Thanks from Norma Griffin:**

*Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, texts, flowers and food that have been sent after Macoy's passing. Your kindness and thoughtfulness has meant so much to our family during this time. What a blessing to have a church family like ours! We love each and every one of you.*

*Norma Griffin & family*