



Wesley Community  
Service Center, Inc.

# Wesley Works

## Newsletter Fall 2011

**M**y staff and I are so very much enjoying our brand new flag pole with the banners of our national and religious heritages proudly unfurling in the blowing winds and located on our front lawn. For this executive director it is the culmination of a dream of many years establishing this corner of Elm Avenue and Randolph Street in Ports-



mouth as a public and national institution of local community service with historic ties to the United Methodist Church.

**W**e are deeply grateful to the **St. John UMW of Norfolk, VA** for their generous donation of the cost of the pole, and materials to erect it; and to The Rev. Marvin Leathers, Chair of our Properties Committee for his donation of labor and time to install the pole and to the local unit of **WOODMEN OF THE WORLD** for the initial donation of two American flags and conducting our first flag raising ceremony.

### A Word from the Executive Director

**M**any in our community have commented how much they appreciate, enjoy and are inspired by the wonderful addition of the flag pole and flags to our facilities. For me it yet again represents and celebrates the generosity of so many individuals, groups and organizations who give of themselves and their resources that Wesley Community Service Center may continue to be at work building community. **THANK YOU!**

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# " We thank God for you... " 2011 gifts received May - August

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Centenary UMC (Ports.)

Community UMC/Women (Va. Beach)

Covenant UMW (Suffolk)

Crouse Bible Class of First UMC  
(Hampton)

Deep Creek UMW (Chesapeake)

Ebenezer UMC (Suffolk)

Farmville District UMW

Friendship Circle

of Providence UMC (Yorktown)

First UMW (Hampton)

Great Bridge UMW (Chesapeake)

Haygood UMW (Va Beach)

Mary & Martha Class-Centenary UMC  
(Portsmouth)

Messiah UMC Confirmation Class  
(Chesapeake.)

Monumental UMC (Portsmouth)

Mount Pleasant UMW (Chesapeake)

New Creation UMC (Chesapeake)

"Our Summer Place" Day

Support Program

Raleigh Court UMW (Roanoke)

Richmond District UMW

Salem UMC (Mathews)

Sandbridge Community Chapel UMW  
(VB)

School of Christian Mission (VA. Conf)

Shepherd's UMW (Walkerton)

"SKY" Group of New Creation UMC

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
(Portsmouth)

St. Andrew UMC (Portsmouth)

St. Andrew UMC/UMW/UMYF  
(VA Beach)

St. John UMW (Norfolk)

St. Luke UMW (Yorktown)

Virginia Conference UMW

Warwick Memorial UMW  
(Newport News)

Wesley Bible Class of St. John UMC  
(Norfolk)

Women of Wisdom Cell Group of  
Calvary Evangelical Baptist Church  
Woodmen of the World



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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. *Isaiah 61:1-4 NIV*

## UNITED WAY ALLOCATION APPROVED

The United Way of South Hampton Roads Community Funding Committee recommended, and its Board of Directors approved, Wesley Community Service Center for re-certification for the year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The United Way Board also approved funding for Wesley Center

in the amount of \$31,880 for the same period.

As always, our supporters have the option of designating your gift United Way to our agency by using our name and City. We are grateful for our partnership with the United Way since 1975 and grateful for its contributors.

## RESERVE YOUR HOLIDAY PECANS NOW!



Our 2011 Pecan Sale Fundraiser is getting underway. These delicious shelled halves, packaged in one pound bags, will be available by the first week

in November and will sell for \$8.00 per bag or \$192.00 per case (24, 1 pound bags) .

Very popular for holiday baking and gifting, our supply of pecans generally goes quickly! If you are interested in obtaining quantities of this product please call Vanessa or Madise in our office not later than September 30, to reserve your order that we may insure an ample supply for distribution.

## CAMP CELEBRATION 2011 A ROUSING SUCCESS

In cooperation with the Urban Arts Center of Portsmouth, Wesley hosted a six week fine arts summer camp for more than thirty children from our community and extended community beginning on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Under the direction of Wesley Board President Pat Burns and her very capable staff and volunteers, youngsters developed and nurtured skills in playing steel drums, creative dancing, writing and public performance. The camp concluded on Friday, August 6, with two gala performances in the Wesley Center sanctuary.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED

More than 300 backpacks and bags filled with school supplies have been claimed by children throughout our service area as they return to school for another academic year! An array of supplies, including backpacks were provided by United Methodist Churches and groups across our Conference as well as our partners at Soul Central Church of Portsmouth (which meets in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings).



## Wesley Center Shopping List

***The following items are needed by Wesley Community Service Center. Gifts given in honor or remembrance of special persons are encouraged and welcomed. Perhaps groups can provide the more costly items. All items should be delivered to the Elm Ave address. Please call prior to arrival: phone 399-0541.***

- Wooden Bookshelves (5 shelves)
- Liquid Soap
- Trash/garbage bags: 14 gallon and 35 gallon.
- Paper Products - napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue
- Wal-Mart and/or Food Lion Gift cards of any value (for after school snacks and emergency food assistance. )
- Air Filters: 22x22x1, 20x20x1, 16x20x1
- 2 Digital Cameras
- 2 Office Computers
- 10 rectangular lightweight folding tables
- 1 Industrial bucket and mop
- Counter top can openers for #10 size cans
- 4 Commercial size entrance doormats 36" or 48"
- Commercial cookware and utensils
- 1 Stainless Commercial Refrigerator
- Four drawer file cabinets with locking capability
- 1 Installed water fountain (\$700)
- 1 Flat Screen TV (40" or larger)
- 1 12 foot ladder

***Wesley Community Service Center thanks each of you for your efforts, on behalf of the neighbors we serve.***



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**Gathering around the table for food & fellowship at Camp Celebration this past summer at the Wesley Center!**