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Pastor's Message

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the season of Lent, which is a time when the church calls us to reflect upon our lives. Have we lost hope or compassion? Have we lost our integrity? Have we lost respect for ourselves or others? Have we lost our capacity to understand? Have we lost all feeling for someone once dear to us? Have we lost even the desire to pray? The gospel is filled with stories of Jesus helping people recover what is missing in their lives. He gave sight to the blind, health to the sick, forgiveness to the penitent, hope to the hopeless, life to the dead, and love to all. Let this season of prayer, repentance and fasting be a time for us to seek the lost treasures of our faith which only God can give and whose love will never falter.

As we transition into Holy Week, we are called to reflect upon the passion of Christ. The Gospel writers underline the importance of the story of Jesus' passion by devoting space in their accounts far out of proportion to the number of days they are describing. The passion story takes place in

one week but Matthew gives a quarter of his Gospel to the passion. Mark gives a third, Luke a fifth, and John almost one half. Scholars have said it was to tell the story, Jesus' suffering and death, that each evangelist wrote his Gospel with his own respective introduction to it. They tell us that his was a voluntary death, a carefully defined death. Jesus did not have to go to Jerusalem. He went on his own volition. We learn his death was sacrificial, meaning he accepted death that others might receive life. Jesus explicitly defined his death as sacrificial when he instituted the Eucharist: "This is the blood of the covenant which is poured out for many." We also learn Jesus' death is finally defined through the resurrection. His death is a means to life, a means to salvation, for all who believe.

Please make special note of the John Wesley Holy Week, and Easter celebrations advertised inside this newsletter. We have an abundance of opportunities for immersing ourselves in the story of our salvation, and I encourage you to do so wholeheartedly. Memorize the details of Je-

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Have we lost even the desire to pray?*

sus' passion and locate yourself in the narrative. Walk with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Join the crowd at his trial. Weep at the foot of the cross. What kind of disciple would you have been had you been there? What kind of disciple are you willing to be now? These are crucial questions for all disciples of Christ to revisit again and again, and Holy Week is a great time to do so.

I will look for you in church!

David



April

Autographs

by Sue MacKenzie
Lay Leader

The beginnings of this "offering" may have a limited audience! The first part may be, for many of you, in the same category as "red light", "jacks", "jump rope" and "trading cards".

Clueless? Read on!

When I was young (in the olden days) all my friends (and I) had autograph books. I'm quite sure that this was a "girl thing" and I'm also quite sure that most girls today connect by putting things on "facebook" and "texting". So you can see why, to begin with, I think I'm addressing a rela-

tively small audience!

Even so, I invite you to read on!

In going through my accumulated memorabilia for David's Writing Your Life Story class I found my two "olden" autograph books - both actually in very good repair. I remember now that I'd taken them to the two overnight summer camps I went to (one for three summers - Hillsboro Camp in Hillsboro, NH and the other, Vineyard Sailing Camp on Martha's Vineyard - one summer).

Therefore, many of the sayings and signatures are those of fellow campers although I see that there are a few from family members and some from friends in Needham, MA which is my original hometown. I hope that some of them will bring you a chuckle or at least a smile.

There are gold ships, there are silver ships
But the best ship is friendship.

When you get old and have a Ford
Save me a seat on the running board!

Poor little Susan sitting on a fence
Trying to make a dollar out of ninety nine cents.

Don't make love by the garden gate
Love is blind but the neighbors ain't!

You are 2 sweet
 2 me
 2 be
 4 gotten
 10 derly

A World of Cards
When you're in love, it's hearts.
When you're engaged, it's diamonds.
When you're married, it's clubs.
When you're dead, it's spades.

Latin's a dead language, that's plain enough to see.
It killed off all the Romans and now it's killing me.

Read	see	that	me
up	will	I	love
and	you	love	you
down	and	you	if

2 Y's U R
2 Y's U B
I C U R
2 Y's 4 me

Roses are red, violets are blue
Skunks made a college and called it P.U.!

Yours 'til the Red Sea stops blushing!

I see said the blind man
As he picked up his hammer and saw!

In your chain of friendship
Remember me as a link.

Yours 'til the undertaker
Undertakes to take you under!

Most of these are accompanied by the writer's name and sometimes her/his phone number and address.

And whatever does all this have to do with God? Well you might ask!!

It's occurred to me that God writes autographs too. Although, as might be expected, His autographing is a bit different. Instead of writing His name in our books He wrote our names in His book! One Bible reference to God's writing our names is found in Isaiah 49:16 which reads, "see I have engraved you on the palms of my hands" and there are several referring to God's Book of Life, three of which are to be found in Exodus 32:33, Psalms 69:28 and Revelation 20:12. I use the NIV but I'm sure your version will show similar text.

And then, there's one reference in Revelation (33:3b-4) which states, "the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him. They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads".

Imagine God's name written on your forehead! What an autograph that will be!!!

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WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

April 2011

April 3, 2011 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Liturgist: Henry Brown

Altar Guild: Pat Dinsmore and Betty Bailey

Acolyte: Josh Cribben

Greeters: Jane Souza and Shirley Towne

Ushers: Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

April 10, 2011 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Liturgist: Lorretta Croft

Altar Guild: Sharon Mulcahy and Eileen Rice

Acolyte: Andrew Roy

Greeters: Auguste and Phyllis Clough

Ushers: Sharon Mulcahy, Greg Brown, Karyn & Larry Briggs

April 17, 2011 – PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms - Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66, or Matthew 27:11-54

Liturgist: Dick MacKenzie

Altar Guild: Andrea Taddeo and Ginny Wass

Acolyte: Josh Barber

Greeters: Donald and Lois Atkinson

Ushers: Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Jack Berube

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21, 2011

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

Liturgist: Betty Smith

April 24, 2011 – EASTER

Readings: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

8:30 Liturgist: Nancy Cassell

10:30 Liturgist: Ellen Barber

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Barbara Swenson

Acolyte: Clayton Calhoun & Serinah Kingsley

Greeters: Patricia and Robertson Dinsmore

8:30 Ushers: Mel Trott, Robert McIntire, Jackie & Gary Bernhardt

10:30 Ushers: Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean, & Dick Sherman

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Call Marilyn Mugno (508-564-5283) if anyone has to cancel or has problems.

Please team - do not forget to help straighten up the pews after the service so it looks nice for the next service or function. Thank you. Spring is around the corner!

April 2011

3rd Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

10th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

17th Palm Sunday
Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Jack Berube

24th Easter Sunday
8:30 Service
Mel Trott, Robert McIntire, Jackie & Gary Bernhardt
10:30 Service
Al Croft, Eric Tinglof, Karen Dean & Dick Sherman

May 2011

1st Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

8th Mothers Day
Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

15th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Janet Brooks

22th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean & Lorraine Hunt

29th Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Andy Taddeo & Marilyn Mugno

June 2011

5th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

12th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown

19th Father's Day
Happy Birthday MJ
Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Janet Brooks

26th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean & Lorraine Hunt



Once-A-Month Service At John Wesley

A TASTE OF TAIZE
LEARN TO SING IN THE
TAIZE TRADITION
WITH ELIZABETH ROGERS

Taize singing is a type of sacred music developed at, and named after, the Taize spiritual community in France. These chant-like songs are usually sung in three- and four-part harmony and, while sometimes sung in different languages, are simple to learn. By learning and singing in the Taize tradition, we'll create a joyful evening of song that helps to strengthen the stillness within as well as the community between us.

Most of the songs taught in this session will be part of the JWUMC Taize Service on Sunday, April 10. Learning them ahead of time will allow for the spirit of the music to resonate at a deeper level during the service, but all are welcome to a Taste of Taize or the Sunday Taize Service, whether or not they are participating in both events.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 – 8:30 PM

JWUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUGGESTED

CONTRIBUTION: \$5.00

Elizabeth Rogers has been singing professionally for over 30 years, and recently moved back to New England after spending most of the last decade living in the Findhorn Community in Scotland. There she became a leader of Taize singing in addition to holding other roles such as choir director, musical director for workshops and conferences, theatre manager, and performer.



Lenten Wednesdays starting thru April 20th

Please mark your calendars for our
Wednesday Noontime "Soup for the Soul" series.

A variety of local Pastors will be speaking each
Wednesday throughout Lent, followed by lunch.
You will be fed in body and soul.

Come join us for fellowship
and a closer walk with God.



Lent & Holy Week Offerings



FOOD FOR THE SOUL: WEDNESDAYS MARCH 16 - APRIL 20, 2011

Every Wednesday during Lent, worship and a light soup lunch series takes place in the John Wesley Chapel beginning at 12:00 noon.

A TASTE OF TAIZE SATURDAY APRIL 9 - 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

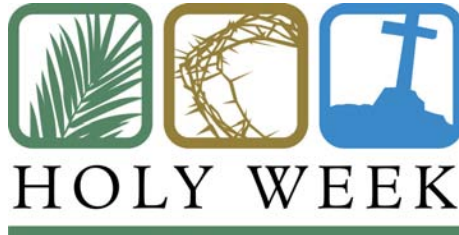
Come learn the songs of the Tazie worship experience in the Fellowship Hall.

TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY APRIL 10TH - 6:00 P.M.

Our first Taize Worship Service in the Chapel.

EXPLORE YOUR LIFE THROUGH COLLAGE, SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2011

This event is for adults and for teens age 15 and up. It is a day of fun and creativity. Come and make a collage as you envision your ideals for your life. Thousands of words and images will be provided. To be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 AM. Pre register by April 10. See sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be welcome. All proceeds to benefit the church.



APRIL 17, 2011 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 Celebration Worship in Chapel
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary, with a Parade of the Psalms.
10:45 Wow (Worship our Way) program for the children during worship.

APRIL 21, 2011 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service in the Sanctuary
7:00 PM

APRIL 22, 2011 GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. With Holy Communion in the Chapel.

APRIL 23, 2011 HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER EGG HUNT

Two separate Easter Egg Hunts on the John Wesley United Methodist Church grounds provided. Children 4 and under and for children 5 to 10 years of age. Refreshments will be served.



EASTER

APRIL 24, 2011 EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service at Nobska Light House in Woods Hole 5:45 AM. Hosted by the youth and adult helpers. Celebration Service in Sanctuary 8:30 AM and Traditional Service at 10:30 AM. The John Wesley Choir and brass at both services.



Palm Sunday

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 for worship services at John Wesley United Methodist Church. At 8:30 AM you can enjoy our Celebration Service in the chapel. where you will find a "blended" approach to worship. At the 10:30 worship service in the sanctuary, you can enjoy a more traditional approach to worship to enhance your spiritual experience. WoW (worship our way) is available for the children during the 10:30 service. Nursery available during both worship offerings, with a 9:30 AM Sunday school held between both services.

Easter Sunday

Please join us on Easter Sunday and be assured that your visiting friends and relatives are welcome. Our first worship service on Easter Sunday will begin at 5:45 AM with a Sunrise Service led by the youth at Nobska Lighthouse in Woods Hole. Our second worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 8:30 AM and our third worship service will also be in the sanctuary at 10:30 AM. The John Wesley Choir and guest musicians will perform at both of these services. WoW (worship our way) will be available for the children during the 10:30 AM service, and nursery is available at both services. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one or all of our worship offerings. You will be glad you did!



THANKS

Bravo! Again the John Wesley Church family has come together to show their love and appreciation to Rev. Barbara Brand-James. My thanks to all of you who contributed in so many ways to make her celebration so very special. From setting up to cleaning up, monetary gifts and to all the wonderful delicious food and beautiful flowers. It was a total effort. Rev. Barbara is "feeling the love!"

Love to all,
Nancy Cassell
Co-chairperson SPRC

GRATEFUL FOR CELEBRATION

Thank You for the amazing Celebration last month. The past 2 1/2 years as the Minister of Visitation at John Wesley United Methodist Church have been a blessing in my life. It was very kind of the congregation to celebrate my service here and second retirement in such an enthusiastic way. There were so many who prepared the delicious food and cake, flowers, poetry, tables, music, and very generous gifts. I appreciate everything everyone did, including all the thoughtful words. There have been so many precious moments shared with our members who have been homebound, ill, bereaved, or in Nursing Homes. Each person had a unique life story, and I have been touched by so much that was shared with me. I will never forget anyone, and especially those dear ones who have already passed on to their eternal home. The words of

our Senior Minister, Pastor David, just reminded me again what a generous spirit he has always had, a kind colleague, gifted and inspiring preacher and spiritual leader, and compassionate friend. Our Church is so fortunate that God chose him and his loving wife Julie to be in our midst, as they share their gifts and graces with us. My prayer for this congregation is that, like Jesus, you will continue to grow in stature, wisdom, and in favor with God and humanity, and for those of you who are hurting that you will find the healing and comfort you seek. You clearly have very caring hearts, many reaching out as wounded healers to those in need. While I am presently continuing to live in Falmouth, as a part of this congregation, I have learned from experience to be ready in case God touches my shoulder to point me in a different direction. I will always be grateful for what so many of you have meant to me, and pray God's blessings on you all.

With love and peace,
Barbara

DEAR JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you for your generous "Super Bowl" donations of food from your church! Your congregation collected 7 grocery carts, which is 70 bags full of food for the less fortunate in our community. We appreciate your support!

The Falmouth Service Center



Singles Together Church Fellowship - April 2

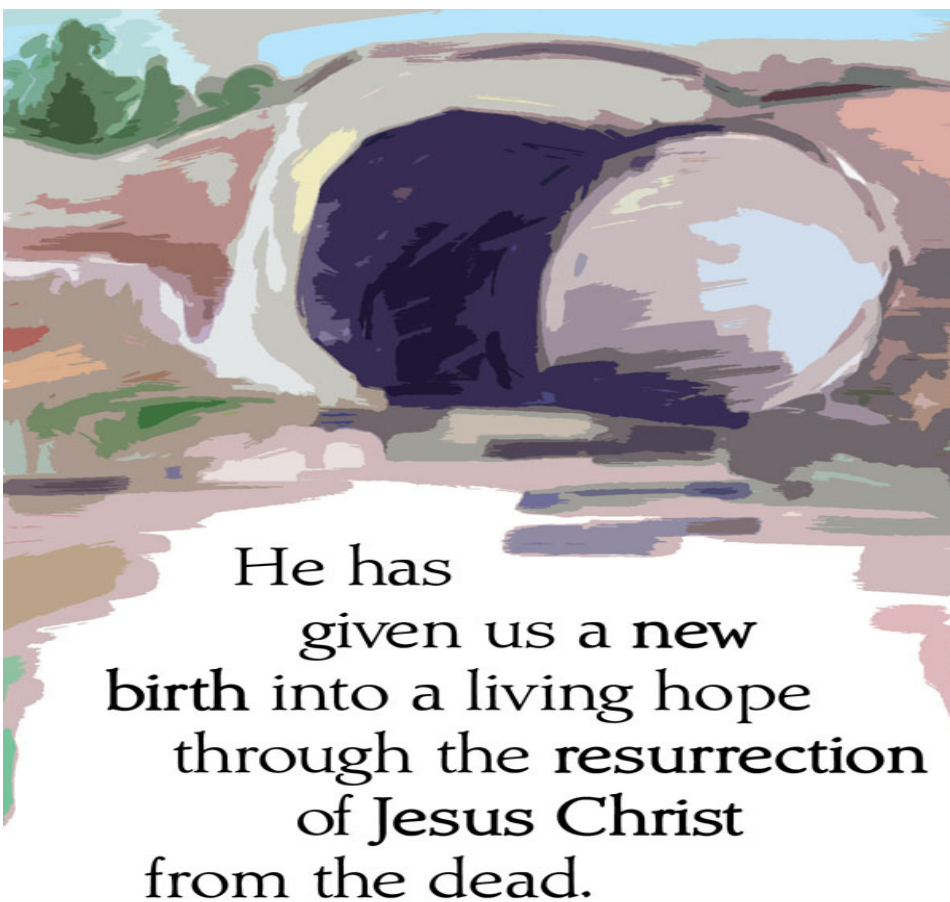
If you are a friend of John Wesley UM Church, any age between 21 and 101, single, widowed, or divorced, you are invited to join us for a delicious lunch on Saturday, April 2nd, at La Cucina Sul Mare restaurant on Main Street in Falmouth at 11:30am. There is some parking out front, and a large parking lot in the back. Last month, the scripture verse for the day was Jesus' words, "Love one another, as I have loved you." We heard two inspiring poems written by Joy Stosz, and were so pleased to welcome two new folks, Cheryl Armstrong (new to our church) and long-time church member Adele Hatfield.

Our thanks to Deenie Reeves, who again volunteered to help with some of the phone calls. Our deepest sympathy goes to Karen Camp and her family on the death of her dear father, Rev. John Camp. We gather together for fun and fellowship, celebrating birthdays and other good times, and being there with support for challenging days. We now number 25 if everyone comes. If you are interested in joining us, and did not get a reminder, or if you would like a ride or any other information, please call Rev. Barbara Brand-James at 508/495-1659.

Recycling Greeting Cards for Charity

*Karyn Briggs
Mission Committee*

Do you save your beautiful greeting cards because they are too nice to throw away? Well how about giving them a new life by recycling those cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, an organization for abused, abandoned and neglected children. They accept all types (Christmas, birthday, get well, etc.) of greeting cards except no Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney brand cards. Cards must measure 5x7 or less. St. Jude's Ranch removes the front of the cards to make new ones that are then sold in packets of ten. Make sure your donated cards do not have a hand written message on the back of the card front. There will be a card box in the fellowship hall for your donation of recycled cards. Thank you for your participation with recycling plus helping raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Ranch- a double blessing!!!!



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV





April

Satisfaction

If I can help one soul along life's way,
If my poetry can brighten someone's day,
Then that will be reward enough for me
To know that I have helped to make one see.

The beauty in the world which God has made,
Despite time's causing living things to fade,
What matters not is what someone can buy
But how we use our precious time to try.

To live each day with hope
and love and praise,
To fill our hearts with joy though
darkened days
May seem to cast a shadow on our life
Dimming pleasure, accentuating strife.

Try to accept God's plan for He knows best,
He's ever there to help us pass the test
On earth so we can spend eternity
In blessed peace and be forever free.

Joy Stosz
November 29, 2010

Prayer Group Ministry Prayer has great power!!

In Philippians, chapter 4, verses 6 and 7, St. Paul writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

The members of our John Wesley UMC Prayer Group take these words very much to heart and invite you to share your prayer requests with them. Everything is treated with confidentiality, of course. Please call Ginny Waight at 508-548-2775

Also, if you would like to be a "praying part" of this ministry, let Ginny know, as new group members are always welcome. Some sharing is done on the phone and the group meets at the church once a month.



Invite a Neighbor



Boy Scout Troop 42 Thanks JWUMC

Dear Reverend Calhoun,
 On behalf of Boy Scout Troops 38 and 40 and Cub Scout Packs 41 and 43, Boy Scout Troop 42 would like to express our sincere appreciation for hosting Boy Scout Sunday on Sunday February 6, 2011. We appreciate the use of the Fellowship Hall to host a light breakfast and Scout Sunday ceremony, and greatly appreciate your welcome and message to scouts and their families during the 10:30 Worship Service. One of the fathers of a Cub Scout commented to us that

when he was in scouting many years ago, he was a member of Boy Scout Troop 39 which met at John Wesley United Methodist Church.

We greatly appreciate the hospitality of the church in hosting this event. The 12th law of the Scout Law is a Scout is reverent.

Sincerely,
 Russell W. Brown
 Scoutmaster

Henry Abrams
 Senior Patrol Leader



*In the beauty of the lilies
 Christ was born across the sea,
 With a glory in His bosom
 That transfigures you and me.
 (Julia Ward Howe)*

Easter this year is April 24th.

Our Easter Lilies and other flowers will add to an inspiring service. If you wish to sponsor a plant in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out the form below and give it to the Church office or to any Altar Guild member. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Plants may be picked up by you following the service, or they will be delivered to a shut-in on your behalf. Names will be listed in the Easter Bulletin. Deadline for ordering Easter flowers is Sunday, April 17th.

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS 2011

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Person(s) to be memorialized: _____

or honored: _____

Will you pick up your plant yourself? Yes___ No___

If not, the plant will be delivered to a shut-in.

Do you have any suggestions?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cost of the plants is \$10.00 per plant.

Please make checks payable to: John Wesley Altar Guild.





Dessert Auction Bake Sale



April 17th
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Palm Sunday)



Come bid on your favorite dessert
Or just buy it

Please sign up to donate a dessert
Proceeds will benefit the Fellowship Committee

Connie Baker @ (508) 477-4502, Julie Calhoun @ (508) 540-8260
Judy Harbison @ (508) 540-7845 or Sharon Mulcahy @ (508) 457-0950



*A Community
Sing - A - Long
Featuring Sacred
Bluegrass Spirituals &
Hymns. Music, Laughter,
Entertainment &
Surprises*

Friday, June 3, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Led By John Yankee

with Richard Gregory - Allen (Fiddle), Rich Armstrong (Mandolin), Ned Quist (Guitar),
John Alden (Bass), Jim Shaw (Banjo)

Suggested Donation: \$10 but everyone is welcome.
Proceeds To Benefit The John Wesley Music Program