

Wesley Newsletter

619 Fenworth Blvd.

Franklin Square, NY 11010

(516) 481-1797

July-August 2022





FINANCIAL UPDATE

These are difficult times for everyone. Prices of everything have gone up and as far as Wesley UMC is concerned not only have prices and bills gone up, but our income has decreased dramatically due to members passing away or moving and some groups using our facilities not returning.

The good news is that although only a few, we are very faithful and have worked hard over the past 3 months to turn our financial situation around. We have had 3 fairly successful fundraising events - a theatrical production, a Spring Fair, and a Spring Flea Market. The Flea Market this past weekend raised \$850 and we made a lot of community connections. Thank you to all those who gave up their whole day and worked hard to help out, especially Bill and Jim. We will take a break for the summer and plan more fundraising events for the Fall.

Mario Sesso, the Trustees and the Finance Committee have been working hard to renegotiate the contracts we have with each group to bring in additional income and make up for the increases in all our bills. The Pre-school will be doubling their contribution and we are still negotiating with Catholic Charities.

I hope you have all noticed the improvements to our stage in the dining hall. This is thanks to our Boy Scout Troop 485 and one of their Eagle Scouts. It really came out great! And they are now going to continue and carpet the entire stage area! Troop 485 has really done so much for Wesley UMC over the past few years - helped repaint the dining hall, repainted the kitchen, repaired cabinets in the kitchen, built a planting box on the playground for the Pre-school, and now upgraded our stage. We are truly blessed and grateful to have them here at Wesley UMC.

Stay faithful! Continue to pray for Wesley UMC! And come to church and worship together!

Faithfully,

Linda Renzo

KEVIN KELL'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT!

If anyone at the Church is interested in helping complete the stage flooring you are welcome to share the GoFundMe link below:)

https://www.gofundme.com/f/carpeting-back-half-of-stage?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

Kevin has completed his actual Eagle Project - rebuilding and carpeting the front of the stage, but the rest of the stage is in such sad, unsafe shape.

He has decided to take on the job of raising another \$500 to pay for the rest of the carpet to resurface the entire floor!

If you didn't have a chance to contribute to his project before - now is your chance!!

\$5, \$10 - whatever amount - it all adds up!

Not only does our Troop 485 use that stage, the senior citizens who meet there daily use it, other outside organizations, the play group uses it at least twice a year for productions- with the proceeds being donated to the church AND the church congregation themselves!

Can you lend a hand to help Kevin do this last extra part?



RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

WE WILL BE RECEIVING A NEW FAMILY BY TRANSFER INTO THE MEMBERSHIP OF WESLEY UMC ON SUNDAY, JULY 10. WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

WE URGE EVERY MEMBER TO COME AND HELP US WELCOME THEM!



UMW News

On Tuesday, June 14th we had our Summer Celebration. This was our last meeting until September. We met for dinner at La Rosa's Italian Restaurant in West Hempstead. It was a delightful evening filled with lively conversation. Everyone agreed it was great to be able to sit down and eat without the thought of setting up and cleaning up. Two important outcomes were determined at the meeting. It was decided that the monthly meeting will be returned to Monday evenings in the fall. In addition, the UMW checking account will be closed. The balance of funds will be put in the Wesley general fund with separate accountability for the UMW.

I have canceled the Women's Retreat scheduled for July 9th. Only two women expressed interest in attending, maybe next year.

I have received notification that the United Methodist Women have changed their name to United Women in Faith. This is how our group will be referred to in the future. Check it out at UMFaith.org.

I am starting to plan programs for the fall. If you have any suggestions please let me know. Also if you have any ideas about who should be the recipients of our annual awards please speak to me about this.

Have a blessed summer.

Your sister in faith,

Aileen Sesso

UNITED METHODIST MEN

NYAC
United
Methodist
Men UMM



TRAVEL WITH US TO THE HOLY LAND

Israel - February 23 2023 to
March 2 2023 \$3098

& Egypt Extension March 2 2023 - March 7 2023 \$1226

Price is all inclusive— Round Trip airfare from JFK airport, 4* Hotels, bus tours, site visits and breakfast and dinner each day.

Visit the Holy Land sites you have read about— Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Capernaum, The Mount of the Beatitudes, The Upper Room, The Rock, The Via Dolorosa, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb and more...

In Egypt, Cairo and the Route of the Exodus, the pyramids and the Sphinx...

For further Information see any member of the NYAC United Methodist Men