

Fall 2016

## Faith and Systemic Justice

*Global Hunger - Local Hunger - Racial Injustice - Immigration  
Environmental Justice - Sexuality - Foster Care - Homelessness  
Addiction - Community*

### *Max's Musings....*

This is the most challenging, fulfilling, exhausting, and rewarding year ever. The leadership team embodies the love, grace, courage, and compassion of Jesus in amazing, tangible, pastoral and prophetic ways. From the design of our latest t-shirt that makes explicit that we are to love all, to the passionate care and concern for all the people affected by the death of Anne Davis, these folks know what it means to live out their faith and love all!

The faith and love that embodies this entire ministry has shown through most vividly in the days following the presidential election. Our campus has been jarred by reports of multiple incidents of harassment of students on and off campus. With many students fearing for their own safety, their friends, and for what the future holds, the Wesley House became a refuge and home for students to come together to share their faith, fears, hopes, tears, and pain with one another, knowing that they will be welcomed, heard, and accepted just the way they are. In addition to the Wesley House being opened to the students, we decided to change our planned events for the last two weeks of Sunday Night Large Group. The Sunday after the election, we had an inter-faith worship service open to the entire campus.

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### **Love Your Neighbor....**

Your Muslim Neighbor  
Your Jewish Neighbor  
Your Christian Neighbor  
Your Atheist Neighbor  
Your Immigrant Neighbor  
Your LGBTQIA Neighbor  
Your Black Neighbor  
Your White Neighbor  
Your Racist Neighbor  
Your Addicted Neighbor  
Your Homeless Neighbor  
Your Suffering Neighbor

*Max's Musings (continued)* The final Sunday before Thanksgiving, we decided to be thoroughly Methodist and have the meal and the fellowship be the totality of the evening, knowing that simply all of us coming together and having the luxury of two hours to simply eat and talk and share and enjoy one another's presence and God's presence in our midst, was enough.

This semester Wesley has led the campus in developing a new multi-faith worship service to begin the school year, in planning a beautiful Service of Remembrance for Anne Davis, as well as welcoming students who identify as LGBTQIA to campus. I could not be any more proud to serve as the campus minister with these faithful students.

*Peace, Max*

## Wesley Fall 2016 - Poster Session

Dinner and Large Group Series: Sundays 5pm-7pm

### Faith and Systemic Injustice

- Food Deserts
- Sexism
- Homelessness
- Homophobia
- Addiction
- Environmental Justice
- Racism
- Immigrant Justice

Discipleship: Join us as we serve children, older adults, persons in jail, and persons who are hungry, and persons who are homeless





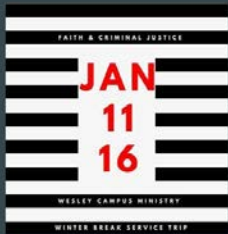
Bible Study: What's Love Got to Do with it?  
Mondays at Marketplace, 5:30-6:30pm



Games/Movies/Faith/Friends: Wednesdays 8:30pm at the Wesley House



Join Us During Winter Break for an "in house" Faith and Criminal Justice Service Trip

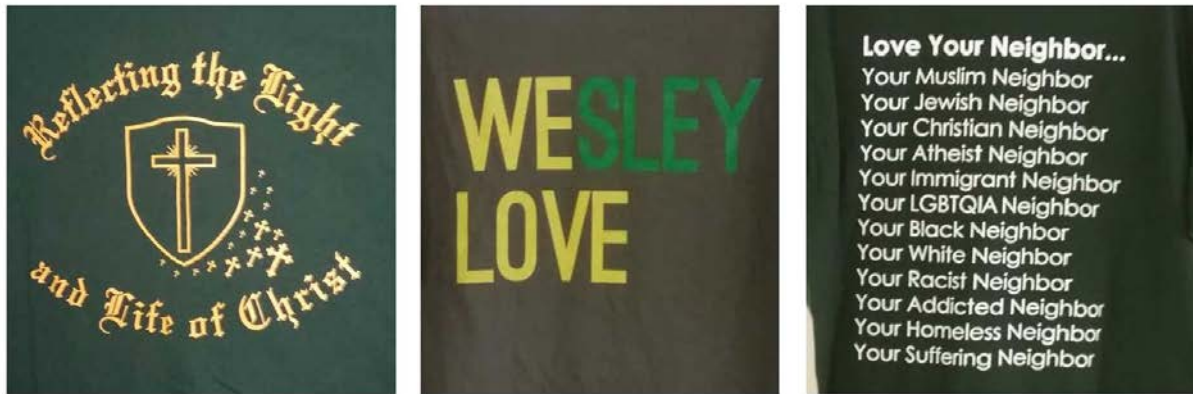


Join Us During Spring Break as we learn from and serve with the people of eastern Tennessee



## Reflecting the Light - Meeting the Need

### Wesley Campus Ministry T-Shirt "Messages" – Getting Specific to Reflect the Need



Do T-Shirt messages really work? The Wesley campus minister and the student leadership team firmly believe so. Why? Because the college campus is America's most *strategic mission field* – as such – our missionary work takes place on the campus. While the in-depth disciple making takes place in our organized events (Sunday night large group programs, bible studies, service projects), effective outreach takes place by being a presence on campus – supporting students in need, supporting other faith and interest groups and embracing the campus. Here is how it works:

- Students pay attention to the love demonstrated when Wesley students and the campus minister care for them and their campus – the t-shirt messages help students make the connection.
- Campus ministry has the same disciple making mission as the church – we are called to “go” to the need, not wait for it to come to us. Our effectiveness in this outreach is dependent on the immediate perceived need – the last t-shirt message “love your neighbor” has meets a critical need – especially this year.
- By embracing the campus through the “t-shirt message” our Wesley students model the lifestyle demonstrated by Jesus and taught in Scripture.



## Wanted - - Wesley Partners

Please take the challenge and become a Wesley Financial Partner. Our partners sustain the campus ministry through their annual gifts. The Wesley operating budget is dependent on individual donations from alumni and friends. Please help us reach our 2016 Goal of \$26,500. You can provide a tax deductible donation in one of two ways:

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Williamsburg, VA 23185-4044

## A Tribute to Marg Lynch - Wesley's Exemplary Administrator



Marg joined the Wesley family in June 2008 after a career in NASA working at the Langley Research Center. She brought a wonderful and necessary set of interpersonal, technical and management skills with her. When our students, house residents, alumni, community groups and board members think of Wesley, they think of Marg. After all - she "does it all." On December 31st, she has decided to "really retire."

As our house manager, Marg works with our seven residents, coordinates with the many community groups that use the fellowship hall and basement meeting room, and since the house is 100 plus years old, she has developed a strong relationship with those responsible for maintenance and repair. She also provides administrative support for Max, as well as the Wesley Board outreach, development and finance committees. However - that is just the beginning. We value Marg's mentorship and friendship with the house residents. Imagine that you have seven college age children that all come home for the summer. No challenges there ☺. Speaking of summer - Marg also coordinates house use and activities for the Williamsburg Summer Youth Program. Ok - so imagine you have 30 plus students ages 13-15 for seven weeks.

I've had the opportunity to work with Marg since I joined the Wesley Board in 2009 and have valued her partnership and support especially in the areas of alumni and community outreach and in development (fund raising). We have 670 alumni, 142 community friends, and 40 district church groups that are connected to Wesley and have expressed a desire to keep in touch, primarily through our newsletters. Marg administers this!

Although not part of her "formal" job, Marg is there for such events as our Homecoming Open House, Sunday night programs, and major community outreach events. It is not just doing her formal job that is impressive, it is all she does that is above and beyond the call - that makes her the heartbeat of Wesley. You will always be a loved member of the Wesley family. (*John Dunning, Wesley Board Chair*)



House Resident Family 2016



Marg and Tom



House Resident Family 2010

Every family needs someone to make sure the place doesn't burn down, is kept clean, and in good repair. For my entire time here at Wesley, that person has been Marg. She is not an employee at the house. She's family! From the first day that we began working together to this day, Marg has always been so much more to the students and residents of the Wesley House. Her care, concern and compassion for everyone who set foot in the house has always been evident in the way that she treated people, went above and beyond to insure that folks are cared for, and the compassion and integrity with which she did her job. Marg is one of those unique persons who has utter attention to detail, while simultaneously keeping her eye on the big picture. Thus, she not only has the grit to deal with campus ministers like me and David, but with a new group of residents every summer and every fall! She will be missed and always loved!—Max



# Wesley Homecoming & Open House



This year's open house was on October 15th from 1 to 6:30 pm. It included a pregame tailgate, a webcast of the game on the "big screen" and a wide assortment of photo albums and memorabilia. Although we had plenty of competition with other tailgates and open houses—as well as the game—we had more than fifty of our alumni, friends and family members present, enjoying the fellowship, the tailgate and recounting Wesley memories. While most had tickets for the game, we catered to those who decided to watch the game on the big screen. It was a significant win for Tribe beating Delaware 24-17.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the Wesley Board who provided a fantastic tailgate for our alumni and friends and to the Outreach and Development Committee for organizing the event. Thanks for those who traveled from all over Virginia and the neighboring states to be with us! A few of the pictures from the open house are shown below:





## The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond and More: Report from Wesley Alumni Tour of Scotland

David Hindman, former Wesley Foundation Director



*“And friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say 'Never' 'cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go in the Father's hands we know  
That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends”*  
-Michael W. Smith

The truth of these words was proven again this July when a group of Wesley Foundation alumni, along with David and Teri Hindman, spent 10+ days touring and worshiping together in Scotland. Although the travelers had not necessarily spent much time together since their college days, a good time was had by all, everyone created countless memories, much laughter was shared, and the ties of friendship and faith were re-affirmed.

Participants included, in addition to Teri and David, Bryan '93 and Mona Hargrove Foster ('94, '91), Wendy Layman Lewis '92, Cindy Poole Reeves '93, husband Aaron '94 and their sons Teddy and Andrew, and Mary Reese Snelling '94 and her husband Ken and daughters Michelle and Sarah. Many thanks are due to Bryan and Cindy who spent countless hours planning and making reservations for the trip; accompanied by the more seasoned drivers Cindy and Aaron who live in Scotland, Bryan also won the appreciation of the passengers in our nine passenger van as he drove on the “wrong” side of the road throughout our time together.

Most of the group initially gathered in Edinburgh on July 1. David had spent the previous week on spiritual retreat at Iona Abbey in the Hebrides Islands, where there has been a Christian community since the 5<sup>th</sup> century, before meeting the rest of the crew there; the Reeves family arrived the next day from their home in Inverness. Bryan and Cindy found a wonderfully convenient apartment, including a fully equipped kitchen that allowed us to prepare some communal meals as we relived our Wesley days preparing Sunday night dinners (only this time there were no taco or chocolate chip pancake options). Enjoying our time there in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle and right off the Royal Mile, we had several days to adjust to jet lag – and for much luggage to catch up with the travelers.



Back Row: Aaron Reeves '94, Mona Hargrove Foster '94, Michelle Snellings, Ken Snellings, Mary Reese Snellings, '94, Bryan Foster '94, David Hindman, Front Row: Wendy Layman Lewis '92, Sarah Snellings, Teddy Reeves, Andrew Reeves, Cindy Poole Reeves, and Teri Hindman.

## News from our alumni .....

Highlights of our time in the capital of Scotland included touring Edinburgh Castle, worshipping at St. Giles Cathedral (mother church of Scottish Presbyterians), and sharing the town with the Royal Family (yes, Queen Elizabeth was in town to open the Scottish Parliament, so she and her entourage kept us from touring Holy Rood Castle; nevertheless we saw plenty of other castles); we all enjoyed a day in which we could go various directions to see whatever attractions most drew our particular interests, but several of us made a special point of seeing the Elephant House Café where J.K. Rowling started writing her *Harry Potter* series.

From Edinburgh we traveled to Oban, a beautiful waterfront town before setting off on a daylong trip that required travel by bus across the Isle of Mull, ferry (two of them, no less), and boat to see puffins and Fingal's Cave on Staffa Island and the Abbey on Iona Island. Our next day took us to the Isle of Skye where we stayed at Dunvegan; while on Skye we visited Portree; later some of us hiked the Quirang while others toured Armadale Castle and Clan MacDonald Center (home of Wendy Lewis' ancestors).

Next up was time in Inverness, where the Reeves live; while there we were delighted to worship with the congregation that is their faith family in that far land, and toured the Colloden battlefield, Clava Cairns (stone circles), and Glenmorangie Distillery. Other highlights of our time together included touring various castles (Stirling, Urquhart, Eilean Donan, and Doune, where *Monty Python and the Holy Grail's* opening scene was filmed), hiking around Glencoe, a boat ride on Loch Ness (sadly, we didn't see Nessie), and enjoying time on Loch Lomond

From Inverness, our paths diverged. The Reeves returned to their normal Scotland routine, the Snelings went to the Shetland Islands for a few days while the Hindmans, Mona, Bryan and Wendy traveled on to St. Andrews (where David and Teri caught up with Cory Hitt '11 and her fiancée, who are both PhD students at the University) before Wendy, Bryan and Mona went to Ireland and David and Teri continued to England where they spent several delightful days with Kara Cooper '99 who serves as Methodist Chaplain at Lancaster University.

Some specific special memories from the trip included being soaked to the bone the day we spent with the puffins on Staffa Island and at Iona Abbey; hunting for dinosaur footprints and black sheep on the Isle of Skye; hiking down so many steps to get out to the Neist Point Lighthouse at sunset; David once again challenging beliefs when visiting the Cloutie Well (pagan well of healing); and so many shared meals together full of stories and laughter. God was truly in our midst each time we broke bread together.

Afterwards Cindy Poole Reeves reflected, "My favorite part of the trip was being with Wesley friends! I admit I wasn't sure what it would be like to reunite with friends from so long ago, now with spouses and families, especially when we have been so far away from everyone. Dynamics would definitely be different, and traveling in close quarters can always be challenging. It was silly to worry; we had such a wonderful time! It was so easy to fall back into the loving, trusting, Christian relationships with everyone, getting to know some people better, and watching the positive relationships as everyone got to know our children, too. Teddy (our oldest son) later commented he had so much more fun than he expected, and he really liked our friends; he finally understood why we had been so excited about everyone coming to visit."

Beautiful and comfy lodgings, delicious food, deep conversations amidst much humor, and renewed ties of friendship all made the experience memorable, and a reminder that deep ties of faith and friendship formed initially at the Wesley Foundation can indeed last a lifetime – and beyond. Truly, friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them



Runaway at Duone Castle

## News from our alumni .....



WILLIAMSBURG - William Henry Hunt '62 passed away on September 22, 2016 after a short but fierce battle with a rare, aggressive form of kidney cancer. As a student he was a popular guitar player and singer at the Wesley Coffee House, where he also volunteered as a manager (and where he met Linda). After attending graduate school at Princeton University and teaching physics at Hampton High School, he returned to W&M where he earned his Master's Degree in physics. He went on to study for a PhD, but instead of finishing his dissertation, he was lured to work in atmospheric science as a contractor at NASA Langley Research Center. There he was instrumental in developing their lidar (light detection and ranging) program literally from the ground up. From a ground-based instrument to an airborne system, to the proof-of-concept for space-borne lidar, the Lidar In-space Technology Experiment (LITE) that flew on the space shuttle in 1994, to the lidar instrument that has been operating since 2005 on board the CALIPSO satellite, Bill played a significant role in helping to ensure a sound instrument design that would produce useful science data products. His work has been recognized with many awards, including NASA's Exceptional Public Service Medal. He also served for many years on the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors. Bill is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda Allen Hunt, and their son Thomas Allen Hunt,

## The Planting of the Anne Davis Memorial Cherry Tree



In the Summer 2016 edition of the Weavings, we reported that our own joyous, beloved, extraordinary Anne Davis '16, died on July 13th in Idaho riding with her Bike and Build team to create more affordable housing in the U.S. Anne had a significant impact on Wesley, the W&M campus, and beyond as a passionate activist and leader focusing on helping others to become active citizens who are intentional, inclusive. She put her faith into action in ways that most of us can only dream about embodying. After graduating in May and participating in Bike and Build, she was returning to campus to serve as a fellow in the Office of Community Engagement for 2016-17.

On November 11th, the Anne Davis Cherry Tree was planted at the Keck Lab on campus. Part of the foundation of the tree are the memories of so many who loved and cared for Anne, in the form of notes on seed paper. Dr. Randy Chambers of the Keck Lab selected and planted the tree, a species that flourishes here and out West. Just as Anne's life will continue to bring beauty and life to so many, so will this tree planted in her memory. So many students, faculty, and staff continue to remember and celebrate Anne, as we strive to embody her joy, passion, integrity and commitment to justice and equality for everyone.



## News from our alumni .....

### Bob '50 and Sara '52 Boyd

It was great to receive a note from Bob, highlighting his years at W&M and Wesley. He was a head cheerleader and founded the Pep Club. He graduated in 1950 and then graduated from Law School in 1952. Sara completed her degree in three years as a Phi Beta Kappa. They were married in Wren Chapel in 1952 and have been active in their faith, true to the Wesley tradition.

### Agnes Blandford Evans '72

Writes that she is trying to recover from helping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peninsula Ski Club. She is planning to be back to "normal" sometime this month. A recent re-injury of her right knee is challenging her self-designation as a tennis player and alpine skier. She says she plans to be a gardener even if she has to sit down to do it!



### Russell Smith '80 (Ph.D)



After getting out of the Army at Ft Eustis in early 1970, Russell began the doctor of history program at W&M. He attended Wesley Foundation Sunday Night meetings frequently. There was a tradition that the students cooked the dinner for the 30-40 people who would attend. One time he cooked King Ranch Casserole, and the dinner was good enough that a week later, a couple of girls prepared a dinner designed to outdo the week before. He was glad to attend Wesley Foundation. The programs were usually good. One time a campus leader was invited to make remarks (1974). An underclassman who had some indications of mental illness thought the remarks were pretty uninteresting so began humming loudly over the speaker's presentation. This presented some interesting challenges for our campus minister. Russell attended Wesley throughout the 1970 – 1980 period. His time in the graduate program was longer than most, as he was working full-time during most of those years, and failing one doctorate prior to completing another. Since that time, his wife Daiza and he founded a consultant business in the Washington, DC area that helps federal contractors such as Lockheed prepare their proposals to win business. He is writing an article on the long-term performance of W&M that will be completed hopefully in 2017.

## Two Beautiful PK's

### Allie Rosner Bass '06



Allie and Jonathan welcomed their daughter Evelyn on September 20th. Allie is pastor of Arlington Temple UMC, Arlington VA

Meghan and Josh welcomed their son James Eno on September 11th. Meghan is pastor of Salem UMC, Mathews, VA

### Meghan Roth Clayton '08



# Wesley 2021

During the spring semester the Wesley Foundation Board worked with a graduate strategic planning class to develop a strategic plan (Wesley 2021) to more effectively carry out our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. As part of the plan, the board set five goals with supporting objectives. The board will evaluate its progress and overall campus ministry effectiveness three times a year. The goals are:

1. **Faith Formation**- Expand programming that is focused on increasing and strengthening faith through inviting and equipping students to explore (e.g. speaker), engage (e.g. Sunday Night Program), and embody (e.g. mission trip) an active faith in God.
  - 2021 Supporting Objectives: Wesley “Explore” will equate to 10% of the campus and the “Engage/Embody” will equate to 1% of the campus. (Unduplicated)
2. **Campus Transformation** – Seek partnerships to build missional communities that that will transform the campus of William and Mary based on prayer, the gospel of Jesus and social justice.
  - 2021 Supporting Objective: Develop working partnerships with other campus ministries and religious organizations participating in faith-based and social justice causes that will favorably impact 80% of the student body.
3. **Financial Stability**- Create and maintain a fiscally and organizationally strong ministry that supports the current and future needs of the William and Mary Wesley Foundation.
  - 2021 Supporting Objective: Develop initiatives and action plans that will increase the overall annual income to a minimum of \$75,000.
4. **Communications**- Strengthen relationships with students, faculty/staff, alumni, friends of Wesley, and York River District Churches and Church Groups by utilizing all appropriate methods of contact.
  - 2021 Supporting Objectives: Develop a fully integrated communications system and related initiatives that build an effective missional relationship with 10% of the student body, 5% of the undergraduate faculty/staff, all Williamsburg area UMC churches, 10% of the York River District Churches and church groups, and 80% of the alumni and friends listed in our database.
5. **Property and Facilities**- Maintain and update the Wesley House, the property and equipment that best serve the changing needs of the campus ministry, the residents and the community.
  - 2021 Supporting Objectives: Resolve 95% of all maintenance issues, meet 80% of the identified needs of the campus ministry, and implement a facilities use plan that produces sufficient income to cover the costs of maintenance and adds 10% of the annual maintenance budget to the reserve fund.

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