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## From the Campus Minister...

### Embodying Grace

*"[God] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:45b-48*

What a year in ministry and mission! In addition to our local missions, we traveled to Birmingham and Costa Rica. Through our summer mission grants, we sponsored students in mission in Tanzania, Oklahoma, Indonesia, Williamsburg, and Washington, D.C.! We also had two seniors with summer ministry internships in Virginia and Atlanta.

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In addition to those missions, we are always involved in the on-going embodiment of our faith on campus. This year we have two students active in Wesley who would have never made it here if not for our simple, ongoing witness to God's grace and love. Last year, Owen Yancey, our worship coordinator, volunteered to be part of a psychology research project on awe, and he chose to discuss the awe that his faith inspires. After the interview, the student asked if he was a part of any campus groups, and he shared about Wesley. A few months later, when the student realized that they were in need of a community of faith, they came to Wesley. They still remembered Owen's graceful witness and knew that this was a place where they could find acceptance and hope. This year I spoke at the Over the Rainbow orientation event for new students, and two students attended the event with me. After the event, I had a brief conversation with a student, and she realized that Wesley is a community where she is accepted just the way she is. These two students, a senior and a junior, were given the opportunity to connect with God and a community of faith for the first time in years, simply because they witnessed and experienced grace embodied in a simple conversation. That is who we try to be each and every day, a community that embodies the love and grace of God for all people. We strive to live out our fervent belief that God meets us and loves us right where we are and just the way we are, and we are called to do the same. That is our starting point, and we journey on together from there, growing more and more into the individuals and community God created us to be. Thank you for being a part of our community of grace!

Peace,

*Max*

# What's in a YAC??



By Bonnie Roane '12

Hi, my name is Bonnie Roane and I'm the president of Wesley's Young Adult Council (YAC) for calendar year 2011. YAC is responsible for planning Wesley's Sunday Night Programs (SNPs) and making sure our different events happen. Every fall we have elections to pick who will serve on YAC and every year we come up with an amazing group of individuals. Our YAC has been busy for a couple of months now, but it's never too late for introductions. There are six student positions on YAC (Worship Coordinator, Discipleship Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, 2 Fellowship Coordinators, and President) and the Campus Minister comes to offer guidance. This year on YAC we have:

1. **Worship Coordinator:** Owen Yancey – Owen is a freshman from Rustburg, VA. An aspiring music major, he is a wonderful pianist and is an amazing worship coordinator. He recently put together an SNP on the Jewish celebration of Purim which was a great experience for us to learn more about other traditions as well as to seek for God in new ways. Owen is the only male student on YAC this semester, poor guy, but he is a certainly a blessing!
2. **Discipleship Coordinator:** Jane Baldwin-Tolliver – Jane is a freshman from Front Royal, VA, and she is wonderful. No really, if you need someone to plan a service trip/project, come to Jane! She played a leading role in putting together the Potato Drop this semester. She has planned a couple of SNPs on hunger awareness issues; and she is planning a service trip to Costa Rica with her home church next year. If you want to see more of Jane in action, come with us on our Spring Retreat on April 16-17<sup>th</sup>!
3. **Communications Coordinator:** Alexa Muri – Alexa is a sophomore from Burlington, Connecticut, and she plays rugby with the school's club team. If you get the Wesley Wire, perhaps you've noticed a few changes – like the cheerful yellow color? Alexa always brightens our day at YAC. She has a great sense of humor and keeps some pretty awesome minutes! This is Alexa's second year on YAC and we're glad she's back!
4. **Fellowship Coordinators:** Tara Miller & Heather Morris – Tara is a senior from Williamsburg, VA, and Heather is a junior from Altavista, VA. These two are absolutely amazing. They are very involved on campus and in Wesley and they have planned some great events. One of our first events every new school year is the beach trip and cookout. But because of hurricane Irene, we had to reschedule. Instead we had S'mores with S'Methodists, and the cookout, s'mores, and fellowship were fantastic. Heather and Tara outdid themselves with this one, setting a high precedent for the rest of the year, events that I have no doubt they can match and surpass! Heather and Tara are two of the nicest people you will ever meet and I can't wait to see what the future will bring!
4. **President:** Bonnie Roane – I'm a junior from Chesapeake, VA. This is my third year on YAC – I was one of the f-ship coordinators my first year and then communications last year. The Wesley community, to me, has become a kind of family and I am so blessed to have gotten to serve on YAC with so many wonderful people through the years! Each year has been a new and great experience and I can't wait to see how the rest of this one plays out!
5. **Campus Minister:** Max – Max is from Alabama and he has been introduced in previous articles, so I will just say this – I am so thankful for Max's guidance to YAC and his great willingness to help make our ideas into realities.

**S**o now that you've met our Young Adult Council, here's a bit about what we've done/are doing this year:

1. Worship services based on the teachings of C.S. Lewis and Purim.

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2. Service events like the Potato Drop and our Spring Break trip to Alabama
3. Interfaith Event: we had a discussion about our Understandings of Jesus with the Muslim Students Association
4. Co-sponsorship of events with the Lambda Alliance, the LGBTQ community
5. Theme of learning more about the issue of hunger and faith
6. Weekly Bible studies and small groups
7. Several social events including the Super Bowl Party, Board Games with the Board, and movie nights
8. Sports like early morning basketball, late night frisbee, and intramural soccer as well as rock climbing at the gym :)
9. Adopt-a-Family Program with Wellspring UMC
10. Share the Love (giving away free lemonade & cookies on campus), Fall Retreat,; SNPs including President Reveley sharing on faith and the academy, the cut gospels, and a visit from The Worship Team.
11. As you can see, we keep busy here at the Wesley Foundation, but our main goal is to strive to glorify God, to reflect his light, and to be his hands in our community. Thank you all so much for loving and supporting our community!

## *Spriiiiiiiiing BREAK!*

By Steph Wilson '12

Okay, this may have been the theme of spring break two years ago, due to a popular YouTube video that came out at that time, but the enthusiasm that us Wesley kids infused into this phrase really captures the essence of the spring break trip to Birmingham, Alabama.



Initially, I was not even sure if I wanted to spend my precious week off of school in Birmingham, but something kept drawing me towards it. So off I went. What I experienced in Birmingham was life changing, helping my spirituality grow more rapidly than ever before. We helped with simple tasks: painting homes, tutoring kids, feeding the homeless, working in a community garden. What I found the most inspiring was visiting churches so actively engaged in the community. Max told us that many of the Methodist churches had fled the downtown streets to richer neighborhoods outside of the city. The churches we attended and worked through, and we saw a lot of them, were churches that had opted to stay in the city and actively help this struggling city. I remember the minister of the church talking to us on the day we served breakfast to the homeless community. He told a story of how a homeless man was sitting at one end of the pew and the mayor sitting next to him during a service, a perfect example of church bringing people of all backgrounds together.

Another church we visited was started in order to provide a safe place for people of all sexual orientations to gather and worship. What they found, however, was that homeless people were those who were showing up. They flexibly rearranged their primary goals to provide re-

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Senior Banquet: Wesley Seniors 2011: Wesley Class of 2011! Front Row, from left to right: Aaron Gregory, Emily Peterson, McKenzie Jump, Isaac Hopkins. Back Row: Cory Hitt, Celesta Palmer, Molly King, Will Perkins, Ben McDonald, Maggie Grant, Ingrid Heiberg, Matt Thompson, Benton Berghuis

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## Wesley Window: 1960's

**Looking Back...**  
Please enjoy this third feature on Wesley life from the past. Our aim is to highlight different decades in future Weavings issues. Last edition saw reflections from the 50's. If you would like to contribute, please contact Max Blalock at the Wesley Foundation.

*The following was submitted by Steve Mansfield, class of '64:*

For many of us, our first introduction to the Wesley Foundation was the freshman banquet, which one year - 1961 - attracted 175 new and returning students. When we climbed the stairs to the Wesley facilities on the top floor of the Williamsburg Methodist Church at "the Corner," that evening and for subsequent activities, Rudy Benesh always was a welcoming presence. He had come to the United States from his native Czechoslovakia as a Crusade for Christ Scholar after World War II and began a nine-year tenure as the director of the William and Mary Wesley Foundation in 1956, soon after completing seminary and receiving ordination as a Methodist minister. Rudy loved to chat with students who stopped by, and to work with the Wesley Council in planning Foundation programming. Those activities would come to include Wednesday night suppers, often followed by attendance at Student Religious Union interfaith vesper services in Wren Chapel, where Wesley members took their turn leading the services, and the Wesley choir sang. One special SRU service, again with Wesley participation, followed the assassination of President Kennedy in November, 1963.

On Friday evenings we invited William and Mary faculty members to come up to the Wesley Center, to talk about their disciplines and, sometimes, their own faith pilgrimages.

Over time several faculty members served on the Wesley Board of Directors, including Mr. Long of the physics department and women's physical education professor Martha Barksdale, who when invited to do so would describe what it was like to be a member of the first W&M class to admit women, in 1918, and, due to her place at the beginning of the alphabet, to receive the first W&M diploma ever awarded to a woman, in 1920.

Sunday morning might include a Sunday School session or group discussion, and in the afternoon several of us walked over to the Eastern State Hospital campus, then located near the Williamsburg Lodge site, to offer worship services for residents of one of the women's units. We quickly discovered that the residents most enjoyed personal contact, holding our hands while they talked. They loved to sing and sometimes taught us their favorite hymns. Another outreach opportunity for Wesley students involved deputation teams, to churches as far as Smithfield, Chuckatuck, or Seaford, or to Riverside Hospital, providing programs for family night suppers, MYF groups, or student nurses. After one evening when some of us were panelists at an African-American church in Williamsburg I invited two of the young men from that congregation back to the dormitory to continue the discussion, and I noted in my journal that I felt almost as if I were breaking the law, since the William and Mary student body had not yet been integrated.

We began Sunday evenings with a supper, usually followed by a speaker on a topic ranging from faith issues to social concerns. When the program committee had not been able to identify an outside speaker, Rudy would often share with us from his broad range of knowledge and experience. William and Mary in the early 1960s had not yet reintroduced its religious studies department, and through Rudy and other Sunday night speakers many of us received a first introduction to theologians and current religious literature. At some of the Sunday night programs we hosted students from Wes-fel, BSU, or Newman, or joined them at their centers.

The Virginia Conference Methodist Student Movement was active in those years, and W&M Wesley members participated in such MSM events as the 1961 MSM Quadrennial Conference at the University of Illinois, a week-long Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York and Washington in 1961, and annual Mock United Nations sessions in Ashland, Blacksburg, etc. - we hosted it in Williamsburg in 1964.

We felt close ties to the Williamsburg Methodist Church - the Reverend Roscoe Johnson and his wife, Lucille, often invited Wesley members to the parsonage, and the "Wesley Players" performed for church suppers. But the Wesley space in the education wing of the church was very limiting, and in October 1963 we were pleased to move to the house on Jamestown Road which the Virginia Methodist Conference had purchased as a home for the Wesley Foundation. Wesley always had been a "home away from home" because of its fellowship, but now the house provided a more welcoming space.

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## Reflections on Costa Rica Mission

By Lauren Parr '12

Have you ever had stood on a bus to better observe an active volcano? Well, there are about 12 Wesleyites who have! This summer, we traveled to Alajuela, Costa Rica not just to climb atop a tour bus, but to assist with a construction project at a Methodist church. The twelve of us ranged from seasoned travelers and veteran mission-trippers to people new to mission work or to the Wesley Foundation, and although we were all prepared to give, I don't think any one of us was expecting how much we would take away from this week.

We jumped, or perhaps were thrown, right into things as soon as we left the airport. We arrived late and went directly to the church where we would be staying and working. Our site leaders showed us the room, helped us spread out the mattresses on the floor, and informed us that we needed to be showered and dressed before church began in the morning, right across the hall. Each of our travel-wearied heads hit the pillow almost instantly, and when we woke up, we quickly remembered that we weren't in Williamsburg anymore. The sun streamed into the room, the church musicians were warming up on the keyboard and drums, and the pastor and his family were waiting in the kitchen with breakfast all ready for us. That morning, whether we knew any Spanish or not, we were astounded by the heart-felt welcome. We participated in the church services that day, joining into the songs we knew not, and following the Spanish-language sermon to the best of our abilities. The service came to an end, and many of the congregation members welcomed us personally as they left. As overwhelming as it was to our jet-lagged selves, this was the perfect preview to the Christian love we would experience that week.

Our plan for the week was sprinkled with a couple of touristy activities, such as a tour of a coffee plantation and a trip out to see the volcano, but most of our time was focused on the construction we had come to assist with. Now, when I say construction, I'm not referring to yard work or painting the side of a house. Instead, most of us were scrubbing (and scrubbing, and scrubbing) steel beams clean, painting a rust-preventative onto them, and then working together to hoist them up to the second story we were building. Another group of us went through the frustrating task of putting pews back together after they had been re-stained. If you can imagine trying to put together a 3 dimensional jigsaw puzzle where all the pieces are the same color, you might have an idea of what it was like to put all of the pew pieces back together. Somewhere amongst the sharing of paint brushes and gloves, power sanders and drills, we learned much about our teammates. Each of us came out of the trip with an impressive comfort and understanding of each other. We sang songs together, danced together, and laughed together.

Beyond growing in companionship with each other, we also grew immensely in faith and friendship with our hosts at the church. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner we ate with the pastor and the construction team we worked with. Sometimes some of us would help our new friends as they prepared the meals. Before each meal began, we prayed together – sometimes in English and sometimes in Spanish. Each Wesleyite found his or her own way to communicate between languages, whether through the sharing of music, recommendation of good books, or cooking lessons. Often, we would talk about our faith and the journeys that we continue along. In the evenings, our team held devotionals planned by each of us. This structured time allowed us to reflect on our daily experiences. In all aspects of the trip, we succeeded in sharing and celebrating the love of God amongst us.



*Costa Rica Steel Beams: Hoisting one of the steel beams in place for the second floor of the addition to the Iglesia Metodista El Mesias church in Alajuela, Costa Rica. (Owen Yancy, Ben McDonald, Emily Peterson, Alexa Muri, and Max)*

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In whatever setting, we found fun times as well as personal or spiritually moving times. Every year there were retreats, where we could sit on picnic tables at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Toano and converse, play twister at Camp Richmond, or hold a midnight vesper service on the river bank at the Jamestown 4H camp. Running through our memories are the faces of Jan Diamond, Bill Hunt, Joe Snyder, Dot Young, Steve Anderson, Vee Jones, Sam Sadler, Bucky Reigelman, Jan Beers, Steve Mosier, Susie Spindel, Bill Heins, Nancy Engel, Chuck Riecks, Jim Becker, Mary Blandford, Alice Boone, and so many more.

Since our day, Wesley has moved in new directions. There has been a serviceable addition to the house, the house now has resident student tenants, service opportunities have extended to overseas settings, and there has been a succession of "Rudys" providing nurture and leadership. Those of us from the 1960s covet for new generations of Wesleyites the fellowship and growth which we experienced.

# News From Our Alumni

## Expecting...

**Katie '99** and **Andrew Zapotoczny '99** and big brother Will, expecting a new addition around the end of November!

## New Arrivals...

Joseph Edward "Jed" Locke II, born on November 20, 2010 to **Sarah '06** and **Joseph Locke '05**.

Ryan Braxton Powell Odorizzi (*pictured below*), born May 4th, 2011 to **Kendall Powell Odorizzi '97** and husband Greg. Big sister Sally is totally enchanted.



## 1950's...

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**Cindy Burden Mitchell '58** and her husband Tom (St. Louis, MO) stay busy with travel, church, and civic involvement. Cindy volunteers with the League of Women Voters. Tom chairs the Mozambique Initiative for the U.M. Church in

Missouri.

Peakland UMC, Lynchburg, VA, hosted the W&M Choir on March 21. They presented a marvelous concert with their amazing musical talent and training. **Dodie Diggs Fauber '56** and Fred opened their home to two of the singers for the night.

Dodie hears from several Wesleyites at Christmas, including **Pearl Frayser Moody '55**, **Gina Bell Mulford '53**, and former Wesley directors **Nancy Hope Kaufman** and **Esther Artman Hammer**. Please, all of you 50's alums, let me hear your news so we can share it in Wesley Weavings.

## 1960's...

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# ADAPTATION AND ADDICTION

By Owen Yancy '14

When I first came to William and Mary, I was extremely nervous. I went from a small town in central Virginia to a densely populated campus; I no longer had a bedroom all to myself but rather a cramped, shared room in a deteriorating dorm; and I was genuinely without parental supervision for the first time. My life, and the lives of the other entering students, literally changed within a day. Fortunately, humans can adapt pretty well to new situations and the strange environment becomes the natural habitat. Even more fortunately, humans adapt better when with people who have already made that daunting and intimidating transition. Relationships blossom as a result of this process and humans can even find their niche – a place not only to function, but also to belong.

Ecological wording aside, this was my experience as I joined and became more involved with the Wesley Foundation. I remember the very first time I walked into the Wesley House; I remember whose hands I shook and in what order; I remember my first meeting with the Worship Team; I remember going to Grand Illumination and having piping soup afterwards... (and the list goes on and on and on). Looking back at all of this, I have found only one discernable problem with the Wesley Foundation – IT'S ADDICTIVE! (I came to a Wesley breakfast during orientation and the next thing I knew was that I am going to live in the Wesley House next year!) And the reason why the Wesley Foundation is so addictive is because of the capital L-O-V-E. I feel so blessed to have found a spiritual home with such amazing and wonderful friends. Without them, this whole college thing could and probably would have been a lot more overwhelming and a lot less meaningful.

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sources to these people and help them get on their feet. I found their openness refreshing in their willingness to embrace all that came to their doorstep.

We saw the poverty that is painfully prevalent in Birmingham that week. But we also saw a lot of good will occurring in the city, lead by many of the churches that have not fled, but have remained firm in their dedication to that community. Hopefully these churches can serve as inspiration for more churches in Birmingham and beyond, even here in Williamsburg. I remember tutoring a boy and hoping and praying that he will go to college as he so enthusiastically plans to do. I still have a picture he drew for me hanging in my room to remind me of Birmingham and the time I spent there. Birmingham was exactly the place I needed to be and that week could not have been better spent any other way.



*Spring Break 2011: The Team: Front Row from left, McKenzie Jump, Holley Walling, Emily Peterson, P.J. Prather, Stephanie McGuire, Tara Miller, Celesta Palmer, Steph Wilson, Bonnie Roane, Isaac Hopkins, Joan Porter, Nikki Tingen. Back Row: Ron Rumsey, Terri Morgan, Matt Thompson, Maggie Grant, Susan Cornett, Grace Hindman, Troy Rapp, Ben McDonald, John Cornett, Max Blalock*

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