



# Saddlebag Notes

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUSANNA!

Celebrate the 350th birthday of Susanna Wesley

The Friends of the World Methodist Museum will learn more about Susanna Annesley Wesley (1669–1742), the 'Mother of Methodism' and Heroine of the Christian Faith at its 35<sup>th</sup> annual banquet. It will celebrate the special lady whose sons, John and Charles, are still influencing the world through worship and music.

One can learn a great deal about a person by staying in his or her home, explains banquet keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. John Beyers. "For the past eight years, I have been privileged to serve as a World Methodist Council trustee of the Epworth Old Rectory, the home of the Wesley Family after the great fire of 1709 until the death of The Rev. Samuel



*Susanna by Salisbury in the Museum Gallery*

Wesley, Vicar of St. Andrew's Parish Church, in 1735. Across these years, I have spent hours upon hours in the Rectory planning and overseeing the ongoing restoration of the Grade 1, Queen Anne style home in which the seeds of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Methodist Revival movement were sown."

"At the heart of this great structure is the fire-side kitchen where the remarkable Susanna Wesley nurtured her growing family and the villagers of Epworth alongside her husband," Beyers said. "Here, I have gained a better understanding of this unique woman's character."

"Because I am blessed to have a great Methodist Mother, who, among many strong women of faith, has greatly influenced and shaped my spiritual life," Beyers said, "I am delighted to pay tribute to the 'Mother of Methodism' on her 350<sup>th</sup> birthday and to thank God for her enduring contribution to the Christian church."

Beyers is the senior pastor of First UMC in LaGrange, GA. He has won many awards and been involved in the spread of Methodism and its history. For more information on Dr. Beyers, refer to the June issues of *Saddlebags*.

Grady Wiley will lead the music for the evening. He is Director of Modern Worship and The Hangout at Long's Chapel UMC, Lake Junaluska. President- Elect Terry Beville will share future plans for the Museum.

Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council, will share brief remarks. Four new directors have been nominated to be considered for election by the Friends. "It is an important evening in terms of business to be completed and in celebrating this great Museum that we are privileged to have here," said President Norwood Montgomery who will lead the evening's business.

## Get your banquet tickets now

Tickets are available at the Museum or online for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual banquet of the Friends of the World Methodist Museum. It will be on **Friday, Aug. 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Lambuth Inn's International Room, Lake Junaluska.**

Tickets are available online by going to <http://worldmethodistmuseum.org> and clicking on purchase tickets under the story, or by mail or telephone (828-456-7242) and we will mail them to you. Of course, we'd love to see you in the Museum where you may purchase them.

## Get your banquet tickets now *continued*

The price of the \$25 ticket has not changed. It is not a fundraiser as the cost of the meal with tax and tip, set-up, etc. usually cost a little more than the ticket price, explains Friends President Norwood Montgomery. It is kept as reasonable as possible since the people attending have made annual contributions to the Museum and the banquet is a time for us to join in fellowship and learn how the money that we have invested is being used. It is also a time for people to become more involved, should they choose to do so.

## Museum closed week of August 27

The Council/Museum staff will be participating in a Steering Committee and Planning meeting and will be away through Labor Day. The Museum will not be open for its Tuesday through Saturday hours the week of August 27-31. World Methodist Council Steering Committee members from around the world will meet in Mexico City for the Committee's annual meeting and to continue the planning of the 2021 Conference to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

## Learn what's happening at the Museum

See the new video: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/fszrx5cheaswrvq/WMM3.mov?dl=0>



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