



Our **Vision** is to be a community filled with the **hope and love of Jesus**. Our **Mission** is to make disciples by growing & learning, worshiping & praying, and serving & connecting.



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❖ Ricky Catron

Ricky, son of Bonnie and Bill Catron, is graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology, cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Web and Mobile Computing. Beginning in August, he will be doing technology development with Capital One in McLean, Virginia.

❖ Sterling Davis, III

Sterling Davis, III, son of Irene and Sterling Davis, has been a student at Morgan State University.

❖ Matthew Sichel

Matthew, son of Michael and Suzanne Sichel, graduated with a Master's Degree in Arts and Religion with highest honors from Evangelical Seminary in May. Matt plans to apply to doctoral program(s) over the next year, hoping to begin doctoral work in 2020. He is also pursuing ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. His intent is to become a teacher in a seminary.

❖ Olivia Zachman

Olivia, daughter of Jeff and Jana Zachman, graduated from St. Lawrence University on Sunday, May 19th. She graduated magna cum laude (3.8 GPA) with a major in History and a minor in Arabic. At this time, her future plans are not yet set.





- 1 John Redding, Jr.
- 2 Zack Hohmes
- 4 Greg Wiegel
- 5 Logan Deane
- 8 Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill
- 10 Jonathon Otwell
- 14 Wayne Horner
- 16 Leah Schaefer
- 19 Melissa Phillips Jones
- 20 Charles "Chip" Weaver
- 24 Rose Sichel
- 25 Laura Hollman Zilberman
- 30 Barbara Sater
- 31 Mackenzie Weaver

- 6 Lyla Montgomery
- Dean Sies
- 8 Phillip Daugherty
- 9 Angela Mahosky
- Storm Smith
- 12 Preston Reilly
- 13 Stanley Harrell
- Reenie Harris
- Mike Sichel
- 15 Pat Daugherty
- Isaac Sichel
- 16 Craig Williams
- 18 Stacey Stauffer
- 19 Jason Montgomery
- 20 Gordon Benson
- 21 Debi Chaney
- Stacey Graf
- 22 Philip Peake
- Zoe Rill
- Thomas Smith
- 24 Serita Kuhn
- 26 Ellen Yurgealitis
- 28 Brad Hohmes
- Lisa Kemp
- 29 Garrett Martin
- Taylor Martin
- 31 Peggy Horner



- 3 Olivia Zachman
- 4 Vicky Wilmer
- 5 Martha Harris
- Michael Hughes, Jr.
- Davona Palmer



- 2 George & Jocelyn Davey
- 4 Chuck & Linda Hollman
- 10 Charlie & Carol O'Byrne
- 17 Jim & Nanette Lishman
- 18 Chet & Pam Phillips
- 23 Dan (Jr.) & Lindsey Baumiller
- 29 Roy & Belinda Rill
- Darwin & Pat Sater



- 1 Michael & Lisa Martin
- 5 Philip & Kim Peake
- 6 Donald & Kathe Lippy
- 7 Gordon & Brenda Benson
- 12 Wilson & Patricia Harris
- 13 Matthew & Darilyn Thompson
- 21 Jonathan & Linda Yost
- 30 Alex & Megan Myatt



Updating Your Contact Info.

Please call **Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary, at 410-876-5295** or send an e-mail to **baldor1@comcast.net** if your name, address, phone number or e-mail address has changed. Feel free to contact her with any other changes you require. Additionally, if you spot an error in the Directory, please let her know so she can correct it.



Our Deep Condolences...

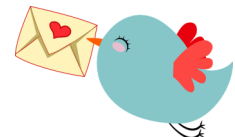
Beverly Davidson Hague, a beloved member of the Wesley UMC congregation, passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at the Dove House in Westminster, MD. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2019, at 4 pm here at Wesley UMC. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Wesley's cemetery. A buffet luncheon is open to all at Wesley UMC following the memorial service. May God hold you close as you mourn Bev's passing and celebrate her life.



Members to Keep in Your Prayers (Cards Welcome!)

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Have a New Neighbor? We can help welcome them home! Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121.



How Your “Gifts of Hope” Helped *The Shepherd’s Staff* Serve Others! January 2018—December 2018

Total Households Helped—3,494, Total Individuals Helped—9,378
 New Carroll Co. Households Served—316 (including 28 veterans)

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| Emergency Financial Assistance—531 Households | Annual 4th of July Cookout—275 Individuals |
| Rx Financial Assistance—112 Individuals | Summer Food & Fellowship (including fresh produce)— 1,500 Individuals |
| Back-To-School Program & Year-Round Essentials—1,350 | Christmas Stockings / Senior Snacks—961 Distributed |
| Blessings Closet Items—2,549 | Bath Facility / Laundry Facility—218 Individuals |
| Haircuts—251 Individuals | Mail Service—256 Individuals |
| Call for Coats—3,606 Individuals | Pet Food—189 Pets Helped |
| Spiritual Easter Baskets—1,127 Children | (A portion of pet food donated is through CFCC and distributed through <i>The Shepherd’s Staff</i>) |
| Take-A-Book Project—Over 4,000 Individuals | |
| The Shepherd’s Table Noon Meal—Over 4,000 Meals | |
| Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner—325 Meals | |

Hundreds of other Requests Were Granted For: Emergency Lite Meals & Hospitality; Telephone and Daily Newspaper Use; Baby, Career, and Year-Round Clothing & Household Items; Grocery Coupons; Religious Literature; Referrals, Advocacy, and Compassionate Listening. **Our Deepest Appreciation to All!**

For Your Information: GET HELP INDEX **we can help** 

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| Legal Resources: | Mosaic Community Services | (410) 453-9553 |
| Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) | Villa Maria | (410) 848-2037 |
| Women’s Law Center of Maryland | | |
| Local & National Sexual and Domestic Violence Hotlines | Drug & Alcohol Counseling | |
| Rape Crisis Intervention Service (24hr) | Carroll Co. Health Dept.—Substance Use Services | (410) 876-4800 |
| Carroll Co. Domestic Violence Hotline | Carroll Hospital—Behavioral Health | (410) 871-7110 |
| National Domestic Violence Hotline | Genesis Treatment Services | (410) 751-7771 |
| National Hotline for Child Abuse | Carroll C. State’s Attorney’s Office—Drug Educ. & Treatment Liaison | (410) 386-2163 |
| Maryland Substance Abuse Hotlines | Crisis Pregnancy Assistance | |
| Alcoholics Anonymous; Baltimore | Alpha Pregnancy Center | (410) 833-7793 |
| Narcotics Anonymous; Baltimore | | |
| National Suicide Hotlines | Housing | |
| National Suicide Prevention Lifeline | Human Services Programs of Carroll Co. | (410) 857-2999 |
| National Hopeline Network | Carroll County Bureau of Housing | (410) 386-3600 |
| Sexual & Domestic Violence Counseling | Local Government Resources | |
| Rape Crisis Intervention Service | Carroll Co. Advocacy & Investigation Center (CCAIC) | (410) 386-3640 |
| Family & Children’s Services | Carroll County Dept. of Social Services—Child & Adult Protective Services | (410) 386-3434 |
| Individual & Family Counseling | Carroll County State’s Attorney’s Office - Special Victims Unit | (410) 386-2671 |
| Carroll Counseling Center | | |
| Carroll Co. Youth Services Bureau | | |
| Finksburg Counseling Services | | |

**"Not in Carroll County!"
"Maybe in Westminster, but not in Hampstead!"**



Did you know that there have been **300** nonfatal overdoses in Carroll County since January 1st of this Year?

And Yes!! your neighbor may be 1 of the 300!

Come and find out more about the **opioid crisis** in Carroll County. This will be a very informative and enlightening evening. Our speaker will be LuAnn Beck-Day from Carroll County Health Department.

August 21st at 7pm

at **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 3239 Carrollton Rd. Hampstead, MD



Olde Time Church Picnic

Come join us on **Sunday, August 25th**

under the shade of the trees in the parsonage immediately following the worship service. **Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks** will be provided. Please bring a **side dish or dessert** to share. Also, bring a **lawn chair or blanket**.

There will be **games and fun** for all.



A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts will be in the back of the church. Come and bring the entire family!

The Summer Slump...

GIVE+

Many of us are looking forward to enjoying our planned summer vacations with family and friends. Fortunately, our church never goes on vacation – we continue to welcome members and visitors all summer long. However, our financial obligations continue, too. Vacations and other summer plans cause us to miss a few worship services, and this time of year is known as the "summer slump" at many churches. It's also a time when a missed worship service means a delayed envelope or plate offering.

Now might be the time to consider Electronic Giving. It's a convenient, consistent way to help our church year-round. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week (or as a one-time offering). Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Consistent giving allows us to meet all of our regular, recurring financial obligations without worry.

Get started today! Visit our website & click on "Online Giving" in the top banner to set up your online contribution.

Save the Date!

"For what?" might you ask? For a...

Fall Festival & Barn Dance! Saturday, October 12, 2019

Family fun for everyone!

Games, Food, Face Painting, Pumpkins, Barn Dancing

Music by TK the DJ

More information to follow!

Sponsored by the Capital Fundraising Committee



Youth Mission Trip
Cherokee, NC
July 27—Aug 3, 2019



The Wesley Youth are preparing to "go out into the world" and be the hands and feet of Jesus this summer!

Please be in prayer for the youth and their families as we prepare spiritually and materially to go on this mission trip.

Our short-term missionaries for this trip:

*Jason, Lana, Gwyn, Celee, and Lyla Montgomery
John, Stephanie, Zeke, and Nate Halley
Sallie, Olivia, and Claire Taylor
Jason Martin and Rose Sichel*

*Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and lean not on
your own under-
standing. In all
your ways,
acknowledge Him
and He will direct
your path.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Please continue to pray for us:

- ✚ That we would be diligent and responsible with our time and resources as we continue to prepare for our journey.*
- ✚ That the Lord would encourage our team to continue preparing our hearts and minds to be ready and flexible for service.*
- ✚ That right now, the Lord would be blessing the people of Cherokee through the staff of MTW and the teams there now and in the coming weeks.*

We have fundraisers going on, including:

Sponsorship Opportunities • Wesley T-Shirt Sale (through June 30)

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement so far!

We hope that as we continue to prepare for our trip, our church family will feel that you are partnering with us as representatives of Christ as we each support the gospel in our own unique gifts and talents.

If you have any questions, contact Lana Montgomery at lanamontgo@gmail.com.

Library Notes

Moms and Dads of Wesley, have you looked at the selections in the Harrell Library for children? We have books with many different subjects for our littlest ones of the church. We have series books about the wonder of God, books with songs about Jesus, and texts that explain to young listeners about the love of our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus. Check out some of these... Information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved.



- Butterfly Doctor* by Sarah Toast (Children's Fiction). A story for very young children about a day in Bugtown's doctor's office.
- Happy Birthday, Jesus, and Other Favorite Songs* by Patricia S. Mahany (Children). A children's song book beginning with some Christmas favorites and including others such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "Heavenly Sunshine". The music is included for all but five of the songs, and these are sung to familiar tunes.
- Jeremy, Barnabas, and the Wonderful Dream* by Joni Eareckson Tada (Children's Fiction). Jeremy is on Uncle Dave's farm and can't wait to milk the cows, feed the chickens, and explore every inch of the house and barnyard. But Jeremy's holiday turns into disaster when he makes some big mistakes. This story of a little boy's misadventure lets children know that a loving God is indeed in control of all He has made.
- The Non-Praying Mantis* by Matt Whitlock (Children) tells the story of a bug who wanted something, asked God for it, but didn't get exactly what she expected. In the end, Amanda discovers the secret of getting prayers answered. We all have times when it seems like God isn't hearing our prayers, and our faith can waver. But when we earnestly seek God and delight in Him, He gives us the desires of our heart. Help your children to understand the true heart of prayer as they journey with Amanda Mantis through this engaging story.
- Best Family Ever* by Karen Kingsbury (Children) Much-loved storyteller Karen Kingsbury's Baxter Family books have captured the hearts of millions who have come to think of the Baxter family as their own. Now Karen Kingsbury and her son Tyler Russell tell the childhood stories of the beloved Baxter children—Brooke, Kari, Ashley, Erin, and Luke—to inspire and entertain younger readers. "...But the best part of that morning was the time with her family. Because snowy Saturdays might not be good for bike rides. But they were great for something even better.....Being with family."
- Bedtime Prayers* by Bonnie Jensen (Children) What better way to end your child's day than with thoughts of the Shepherd's great love. Simple Bible verses, rhyming text, and prayer starters encourage little ones to have thankful heart and to spend time with God, just before they close their sleepy eyes.
- The Bible Story* by Arthur S. Maxwell (Children) In writing *The Bible Story*, the author has tried not only to tell the dear old stories in language that boys and girls of today can understand but also to reveal the golden thread which binds them—the love of God for the children of men, and His wondrous plan for their redemption. The overall purpose has been to provide what might be called a Bible for children by retelling all the old familiar stories in language that can both be understood and enjoyed. This is Volume 1 of a series of ten books.

Noah Builds a Boat by Mary Manz Simon (Children) Noah's three sons learn the value of obedience, patience, and gratitude as they help their father build the ark and collect the animals in this delightful retelling of the classic Bible story.

Our library is for you to use and enjoy. Remember to sign your name and date to the card found in the back of the book. File the card in the yellow box under the letter that begins your last name. When you return a book, find the card, put the return date on the card, and put the card in the pocket of the book. You can stack books on the shelf beside the yellow box or on the desk; the librarians will re-shelve them. Please return borrowed items within 6 months.

Donated items may be left stacked on the library desk. **Please** leave a paper with your name and the names of the donated items so that we can give you proper credit. Remember that we only take items suitable for a church library. The librarians reserve the right to determine suitability.

Please leave the stepladder used for reaching books on higher shelves in the corner visible near the closet doors.

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

Reports from Our Lay Members to Annual Conference

We, Linda Yost and Matthew Sichel, are your representatives to the Baltimore-Washington Conference's Annual Session. Normally, we would bring you a joint report on the happenings at the Annual Conference. However, this year, we're bring separate reports from our own perspectives, due to the differences we have in feeling and opinion on what happened at Annual Conference, specifically in regard to issues around human sexuality. We have dissimilar perspectives on issues, but still love and respect one another. We wanted you to have a better understanding of what happened and how it affected people differently.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – DAYS OF PROMISE, BLESSING AND LOVE

By Linda S. Yost

As one of your Lay Members to Annual Conference for our own Wesley Church, my main responsibility, in my mind, was to attend all the sessions, pay attention to the pros, cons, amendments, substitution amendments, amendments to the amendments (oh yes!), resolutions, election of delegates, and vote my heart when asked. This year's Annual Conference promised to be one of controversy, pain, and heartache. We were not disappointed. However, there was also much promise and love shown as our Bishop, LaTrelle M. Easterling, presided over a clergy session which voted overwhelmingly to approve two deacons and nine Elders as candidates for commissioning, and one Deacon and 11 Elders for ordination. Included in those approved were T.C. Morrow, a provisional Deacon, and Joey Heath-Mason, a full Elder, both of whom are married to people of the same gender and were not approved at last year's clergy session. These two persons had been duly examined and put forth by the Board of Ordained Ministry as qualified, fit and ready for ministry. Their approval this year came, in part, from a motion brought to consider all the candidates together as a block, rather than as individuals. This method of consideration was approved in a 245 to 122 vote. Upon attending the ordination service, I witnessed the full blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of these Deacons and Elders, and the joy upon their faces was amazing to behold! Our God is an Awesome God indeed!

What will happen in January, 2020, when the Traditional Plan takes effect is unclear, both to me and to many United Methodists. Our Church, as a whole, is at a crossroads. Perhaps, if we all prayerfully decide to continue to serve our Risen Lord, and love our neighbors as ourselves, we can still keep the word "United" in our denomination designation. I am convinced that Our Lord has a plan for us, His children!

It was a privilege to assist the Conference United Methodist Men in blessing the large ballrooms before the sessions began. I also served in the Prayer Room each morning, emailing responses to some of the many prayer requests that were received. Our Bishop had seen the need to have Prayer Warriors available to pray with those who might need to take some time away from a difficult session. As a Prayer Warrior, I stood ready to serve. Again, for the eighth year, the United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women collaborated in sponsoring a luncheon, and this year's inspiring program was an original skit addressing mass incarceration.

Because of my many responsibilities as President of the Conference United Methodist Women, I have decided to vacate my position as your Lay Member to Annual Conference at the end of this year. I have truly enjoyed serving our church as your lay representative and will be available to guide and mentor my replacement.

May God bless each and every one of you!

Only and All Glory to God!

By Matthew S. Sichel

The 235th Session of the B/W Conference convened in Baltimore on May 29th at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel. It ran from Wednesday to Saturday, with business happening on Wednesday through Friday. Saturday was a day dedicated to youth ministry, and many churches brought their Confirmation Classes for presentations.

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The Conference session included some inspiring worship and a solid Bible study based on Luke 16:19-22 (the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus). This called on us to look for, see, and truly help the poor among us. We also heard various reports on the ministry the Conference is doing, approved a different structure for the Conference Discipleship support ministries, approved a budget, and handled other necessary pieces of business.

This was the first Session of our Annual Conference after the Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis adopted the "Traditional Plan" and reaffirmed the denomination's long-standing position (since 1972) on human sexuality. This position states that all people are of sacred worth and beloved creations of God, but that the same-sex practice is incompatible with Christian teaching. As a result, it also prohibits same-sex marriage in United Methodist churches by United Methodist pastors and prohibits ordaining or commissioning of those in same-sex relationships. The reaffirmation also includes enhanced accountability measures to prevent the continued breaking of our shared covenant in the *Book of Discipline*. Because of the very divergent perspectives on human sexuality, the Bishop convened a discussion group of a few leaders in the Conference, from different perspectives, in something called a Samoan Circle. The majority of the Conference was able to witness their discussion and hear different perspectives. Nevertheless, there are many clergy who have formed an active resistance to what they see as a hurtful policy of exclusion. This is the position of our Conference leadership, including our Bishop, and the majority of its clergy.

As a result, the Clergy Executive Session overwhelmingly voted to approve two candidates who are married to people of the same gender, one to be commissioned as a Deacon, and the other to be ordained as an Elder (pastor). On Friday night, Bishop Easterling ordained and commissioned the candidates. Both of these actions violated our shared covenant found in the *Book of Discipline*.

It is my belief that our different perspectives are headed for a collision at our regularly scheduled General Conference in Minneapolis next year. This year, we elected delegates from our Annual Conference to represent us at the General Conference. I was a candidate for delegate again, but was not re-elected. All of the delegates elected from our Annual Conference are in favor of full inclusion of those in LGBTQ lifestyles in ordained ministry and same-sex weddings. However, it is probable that the majority of delegates on the floor will again affirm our long-standing policy. This is because about 40% of the voting delegates come from Africa, the Philippines, and Eastern Europe, where the traditional perspective is favored. These churches are growing dramatically.

For this reason, I am afraid that the denomination may divide. The actions of our Bishop and clergy have frustrated many of the more conservative churches in our Annual Conference. On the other hand, many of the more progressive churches have applauded the Bishop and what happened. These two perspectives will not continue to exist side-by-side. As a result of this Annual Conference, there are churches which have now decided to withhold and escrow their apportionment dollars. I expect others to follow.

For full disclosure to my brothers and sisters at Wesley, I am in favor of the traditional perspective. I currently sit on the board of the local Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, which is a global group that has been working for renewal of the church and to continue a traditional perspective. I love and respect Bishop Easterling and have always had a very good relationship with her; however, she and I very strongly disagree with each other. Even so, we have committed to love one another.

I know that there are people here at Wesley who come from both perspectives. This church is **open to everyone and anyone who would want to come and seeks to follow Jesus**. Many times, we will disagree on things, but I hope that we continue to be a church open to all people, learning to love one another better, and holding each other accountable every day as we live out the Gospel. People need Jesus, so let's work together to help them know Him better. Only and all glory to God!

Donations to Wesley UMC in Memory of Loved Ones



When a loved one passes, many times family and friends make donations to Wesley UMC in memory of that person. There are many ways to give to our church including our Wesley Improvement Projects (WIP) Fund, the longer term Building Fund, Orphan Stone Repairs and of course, the Memorial Fund. In addition, an Endowment Fund was created in late 2018 for the purpose of accumulating a principal balance over time through donations and bequests in the hopes that it will someday produce an income stream off the interest earned. Donors can designate funds given in memory of a loved one as they wish. And families of a loved one who has passed can designate a specific purpose for how donations are used, such as the Lucy Harrell Scholarship Fund and Linda Rill Playground. However, a change was made as agreed upon by the Memorial Committee and affirmed through a vote by Ad Council on 2/27/2019. All donations received in memory of a loved one that does not indicate a specific designated fund or purpose, will be split equally between Memorial Funds and Endowment Funds. This change went into effect in March 2019. Should you have any questions, please contact the church Treasurer, Laura Waltrup at 410-961-8425.

UMM Meeting Minutes • June 10, 2019

After prayers by Mike, we had a meal prepared by Gordon (entrée), John (salad), Dieter provided dessert, and Frank brought in the beverages.

Devotion: Mike used John, Chapter 6, to teach how Jesus was not interested in quantity of followers but quality of those who wish to follow him.

Treasure Report: Jon reported that we now have \$407 excluding tonight.

New Business:

- Randy stated that we will follow tradition and not hold meetings for either July or August. Our next meeting will be September 9th. Dick Weaver is scheduled to talk about the State of the County. At our September meeting, we must also consider what program we want to support for next season. Please think about this through the summer break.
- **Entrée** - Dave, **Salad** - Mike, **Desert and Beverage** - Denny, **Devotions** - Jon. John proposed that from now on, the guys that bring the meal to the meeting need not pay the \$5 that night. All agreed.
- Randy reminded us that we will be doing our ice cream for Lemonade on the Lawn July 21st. Gordon will get the ice cream. Jim, Denny, Jon, & John will be at church for that service and each will bring some sort of toppings.
- For the program for tonight, Dieter told of his experiences working in Springfield Hospital with several experiences such as the bomb scares in the late 50's and early 60's as well as other unique situations.

In addition to the UMM Minutes: The Reisterstown UMM have invited the Wesley men to join them for their fall retreat. This year, their annual Men's Fall Retreat is planned for October 4-6, 2019. The retreat will be held at Camp Harmison, a Methodist Retreat Center in Berkeley Springs, WV. Please save the date, and prayerfully consider joining them. You can contact Keith Quintrell for more detailed info (KQuintrell@jmt.com).



July / August Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

July 7: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 21: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

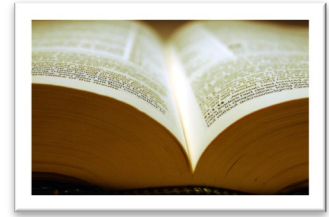
July 28: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August 4: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 11: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 18: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 25: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17



Outreach Minutes • June 12, 2019

Attendance: Rev Amy, Cindy Myatt, Linda Yost, Kim Peake, and Vicky Wilmer

- ☞ **Treasurer's Report** – Everything paid
- ☞ **Faith Feast** – The next one will be on Friday, June 28. All items have been signed up for. Thank you everyone for being so willing to volunteer.
- ☞ **NESAP** – We are currently collecting school supplies. There will be a box in the back of the church and down in the fellowship hall, as well. We will also be collecting money and supplies for NESAP during VBS.
- ☞ **Pies/Tart/Cobblers** — Great turnout of both goodie items and purchasers. Thank you everyone!
- ☞ **Church Picnic** – August 25. It will be held in the parsonage. Everyone please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend.
- ☞ **New Life for Girls** will be attending the worship service on July 14. They will give testimonies and sing for us. After service, we will have light refreshments on the lawn.
- ☞ **Father's Day Donations** — We will make a donation to the Westminster Rescue Mission in honor of all mem for Father's Day.
- ☞ We will have a **speaker come on August 21st at 7 pm**. All are welcome to come. Please see the flyer [on page 4] for more information.

Next Meeting: August 21 at 6pm. (No meeting in May and July.)

Wesley Book Club: Summer 2019



The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church — come out and bring a friend! **The group will have its upcoming meetings at 12:30 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co. (2965 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MD 21102.)**

- ☞ The July selection is ***Between Sisters*** by Kristin Hannah. The meeting will be on August 1st.
- ☞ The August selection is ***The Hiding Place*** by Corrie ten Boom. The meeting will be on August 29th.
- ☞ The September selection is ***Where the Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens. The meeting will be on September 26th.

NOTE: There will be no Book Club meeting in July due to the many vacations scheduled that month. Therefore, there will be two meetings in August (see above.) Questions about the Book Club? Give Reenie a call at (410) 848-1121.

Administrative Council Minutes • May 22, 2019

Attendees: Linda & Jonathan Yost, Brenda Hess, John Sies, Rev. Amy, Kim Peake, Laura Waltrup, Pam Phillips, Matt & Jess Sichel, Brenda Kennedy, Vicky Wilmer, Denny Rill. It was noted that the Halleys and the Martins are at a Spring Concert, and Lee Ann was unable to be present. **The meeting opened at 7:03 PM** with welcome and prayer. Linda led **devotions** on behalf of Outreach. **A motion to approve the April minutes** was raised and seconded; all were in favor, none objected, and none abstained.

Christian Education:

- VBS will be at the end of June; registrations are in the box outside of the church and on the website. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond." Laura will be in the parsonage for any adults who would like to have coffee, danish, conversation, etc. (new!) Vicky can use the playground now.
- Last Sunday of Sunday School is June 2nd.
- Graduation Sunday: June 16th. UMW is giving graduation gifts out to grads; will present in church. There are four Graduates that we know of: Ricky Catron, Matt Sichel, Olivia Zachman, and Sterling Davis, III.
- New Member Class: May be postponed.

Finance:

- In preparation for the Ad Council meeting, Laura sent out a summary of financial reports through **April 30, 2019**:

↳ **Balance Sheet (Assets & Liabilities):**

ACCOUNT BALANCES*: Main Checking / Operating Account: General Fund Balance is \$11,072 compared to \$13,782 in 2018 for the same period; Endowment Funds: General Endowment Balance is \$4,528 (now \$4,798 as of 5/15); Lucy Harrell Scholarship is \$5,908 (now \$7,000 as of 5/15); Building Funds / WIP (Short Term): General WIP Balance is \$34,438 (now \$27,484 as of 5/15 after 50% deposit on A/C Install). *See Laura for other Bank Account Balances

LIABILITIES: Total Liabilities \$1,997 - mostly monthly payroll tax accrual

↳ **Profit & Loss Report (Income and Expense)**

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME: General Fund Receipts in Total is \$82,518 compared to \$91,672 this time last year - Difference of (\$9,154.02) almost 10%. *Finance is investigating the possible reasons for the big difference in General Fund giving from last year.*

WIP INCOME: Total Donated through 4/30 for WIP is \$27,298 (compared to ZERO this time last year)

EXPENSES: see Budget Tracking Notes Below

- ↳ **YTD Budget Tracking through 4/30:** Overall for the General Budget, we are tracking (\$7,957) UNDER BUDGET for Expenses, which is good because we are tracking (\$8,114) under budget for Income required to support our 2019 Budget. Program Expenses - under budget by \$333; Salaries/Comp Expenses - over budget slightly by \$974 - timing difference; Utilities - over budget slightly by \$80; Operating Expenses - under budget by \$2,914 - mostly due to Insurance premiums not billed yet for 2019 / timing difference; Maintenance & Repair - under budget by \$4,711 (many costs that would typically fall here are rolled into the WIP Program.)

- ↳ **Attendance History:** Through May 12, our average attendance on Sundays is **94**. This is down from **99** in '18 and **103** in '17.

- ↳ **General Note** - given that general budget income is down almost 10% YTD, we are concerned that the Summer Dip in giving will impact our ability to cover fixed expenses over the next 4 months.

- In a comparison that Jonathan Yost observed, funds are not necessarily being diverted to WIP. It was noted that 15 families support 50% of the church.
- Finance is working with Trustees in preparing for Town Hall.
- Working on annual audit process, 11 accounts. This year, they will be done internally. Due June 30th.

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- Hope to do semi-annual giving statements in July, maybe closer to August, depending on time required.

Outreach: Will meet on June 12th (not in May).

- Will work with NESAP to get school supplies for kids.
- New Life for Girls will be coming on July 14th to sing and give testimony. Lemonade on the Lawn will be coordinated to incorporate the group.
- Outreach is planning a churchwide picnic 25th of August and is reaching out to all the other committees to help in some way. They hope to have another big crowd.
- College students were very appreciative of all the notes they were sent; they were surprised.

Trustees:

- Thank you to Gary and Todd Wilmer for the new lines painted on the parking lot! Parking lot decals will be ordered and done soon.
- New air conditioning/heaters/dehumidifiers have been installed. Signs about using them will be installed. It was noted by more than one person that it was a shock to see all the conduit on the side of the building. Are we going to find a way to camouflage it? Maybe paint it to match the building? No answer at this time.
- The education wing ladies' bathroom is being updated. Kim & Pam are/have purchased a vanity and mirrors; there will be electronic paper towel dispenser; the room is getting painted.
- The historical room will be painted
- The old oil tank in the cemetery is being replaced; a temporary one is there now
- The Wesley Window Warrior project is almost sold out; 4 windows are left for sponsorship
- The organ has been tuned
- The septic tank has been cleaned out at the church and the parsonage
- We have a new lawn mowing company
- Many thanks to Gordon, Rick, and Mason for coordinating planting of the front church beds
- The Boy Scouts are having ice cream on us to thank them for all they have done
- The new playground has been installed. Wood chip expense needs to be raised – maybe memorials can provide assistance?
- The upgrade of the electrical system for the HVAC units and parking lot lighting has occurred; however, it does not change the receptacle capability in the Education wing rooms (we cannot plug in two heaters and not blow the circuit)

Rev. Amy:

- Rev. Amy has reached out to a particular individual interested in a new member class; however, her contact efforts were not returned.
- Next week is Annual Conference; it is going to be difficult. It is working on Rev. Amy in the subliminal level.
- Rev. Amy's next doctoral residency will be the week after that; she just completed her second term.
- Rev. Amy feels like stuff has been going on every day. She will be working on crafts and with Laura at the Parsonage during VBS. Things seem to be winding down a bit so that she will have a breather.
- NESAP: Don Dietrich is the assistant director and will be taking over for Lynn Sheavly in a natural transition. There will be a farewell luncheon for Lynn next Wednesday.
- Rev. Amy (et. al.) wants to see what options we have to work with Carroll County Health Services on the opioid situation. Rev. Amy (and possibly Vicky Wilmer) will meet with CCHS on June 12; time TBD. She would like to know what our options are to help, even if it is a naloxone training (will they have a free sample to give out?) Luann from CCHS spoke to NECMA; she follows up on all overdoses. She is the one who would be coming. The question is: what can we do on our side of Rte. 140?

UMM and Youth: No report

Visitation and Worship: Have not met recently

UMW:

- Pam has taken a Parish Nurse position at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. She presented at the UMW meeting and explained her responsibilities. It was a very short meeting due to a conversation about VBS needs, etc.

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- Linda Yost & Connie Wiegel will be attending Mission U
- There will be a UMW dinner meeting – June 19th @ 6 PM
- There is a Spiritual Retreat at Manidokan; Linda & Jonathan, Connie, & Brenda will be going.

Worship: Have not met recently; [email Billy Harris' suggestion about band backing up the choir directly to worship]

Last Meeting's Challenges from Planning Retreat:

- The "Wesley Wall of Who's Who" was discussed; work still needs to be done on the project. The goal is to get the staff info. up, as we are halfway through the year with committee participants and other leaders, and lots of turnover is possible this coming year. SPRC is being tasked to head up/coordinate the project. Please see Pam for details.
- Also to be discussed is expanding our ability to reach others online and expanding our ability to reach our youth. There will be VBS communication; we have done better with the Boy/Girl Scouts.
- A support group will hopefully evolve out of the work we are planning regarding opioid use.
- The Education Wing needs to be decluttered. The box for NESAP is only for food, not for items. We need to educate the community again; Outreach will update the box.
- Vicky and Pam will be doing a walkthrough at the new neighborhood off of Houcksville Rd.

Annual Conference (A.C.): A.C. will be tough, per Rev. Amy. Please, please pray for A.C. There are lots of different ways prayer is being incorporated into the gathering. A question was raised about security; the answer is that there is not really security, similar to prior years; there are Marshalls. Attendees should be aware of their surroundings. If tempers are hot, feel free to leave. Jessie Sichel will put out prayer bursts through the Prayer Chain on behalf of Matt. A cost savings will occur because of the sleeping arrangements for this session. See G.C. News for more.

General Church (G.C.) News:

- Two annual conferences recently met.
- "UMCNext" met in Leewood, KS; leader is Rev. Adam Hamilton (this is a center-left group); another group [called United Methodists for the Way Forward] from the Western Jurisdiction was very progressive. Both groups had significant contingents interested in leaving (1st group was about 1/2 & 1/2; 2nd group wanted to create a new Methodist/Wesleyan group). The Wesleyan Covenant Association (conservative group) met the week before; there was no call to leave, but there was discussion of an amicable separation.
- General Conference has approved a gracious exit plan under certain circumstances. It would require a 2/3^{rds} vote of a church conference, all sorts of study by the Annual Conference to determine whether or not the petitioning church can viably survive on its own, then Annual Conference votes on the leaving. There is a process, but it is only open until 2023 and has to be because of disagreements over human sexuality. The church property would be kept by the church; however, the Board of Trustees of the Church and of the Annual Conf. would negotiate the terms of the transfer. The church would be closed as a UMC; then, the Conference Board of Trustees would transfer the property to the church Board of Trustees. There is only a pathway for a *church* to leave; however, not really a pathway for a *Jurisdiction* or *Annual Conference* to leave at this time.
- Matt is again a candidate for General Conference delegate [he was not elected.] Delegates will be elected in 2019 for the 2020 General Conference session.
- The Special Conference in St. Louis shifted the subject matter from a "conclusion" vision to "how do we find appropriate space between each other for everyone knowing that we don't speak the same language."
- One Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference resolution asks for the disaffiliation of the BWC from the UMC and a reaffiliation with Western Jurisdiction. This would be "out of order." There are a number of "aspirational resolutions" (not legislation) also being offered up at Annual Conference.

There will be **no June meeting of the Ad. Council. The next meeting will be on July 24 at 7 PM** (a recording secretary will be needed for that meeting.) **There will be no August meeting.** However, if Charge Conference is early, we will need time to prepare for that.

Rev. Amy closed the meeting in prayer at 8:18 PM.



JULY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Visitation 12 Noon at J&P's Restaurant Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	4 Happy Independence Day!	5 Office Drop-In Hours 11 to 1 PM	6 National Christian Choir Patriotic Concert at Gettysburg High School 4 PM (Free)	
7 <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved—Palmer 1 to 6 PM</i>	8	9	10 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	11	12 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	13	
14 New Life for Girls — Special Music Funeral for Bev Hague 3 PM Fellowship 4 PM Service 5:30 PM Dinner	15	16	17 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	18	19 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	20	
21	22	23 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	24 Administrative Council Meeting 7 PM	25	26 Faith Feast at St. John's UMC, 12 PM Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	27	
28	29 Office Drop-In Hours 10 AM to Noon Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM	30 Office Drop-In Hours 10 AM to Noon GriefShare Breakfast at Dutch Corner 9:30 AM	31	Cherokee Mission Trip!			Summer Worship Schedule: 10 AM Worship followed by "Lemonade on the Lawn"



AUGUST 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Summer Worship Schedule: 10 AM Worship followed by "Lemonade on the Lawn"	Cherokee Mission Trip!		1 Book Club At MJ's Baking Co. in Manchester, MD 12:30 PM	2	3
4	5 Office Drop-In Hours 10 AM to Noon	6 Office Drop-In Hours 10 AM to Noon	7 Trustees 7 PM	8	9	10
11 Fellowship Hall Reserved 1 to 6 PM (Palmer)	12	13	14 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	15	16 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	17 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Tentative)
18	19	20 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> 21 Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7 PM Opioid Crisis Speaker at Wesley 7 PM </div>	22 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	23	24
25	26 Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM	27	28	29 Book Club At MJ's Baking Co. in Manchester, MD 12:30 PM	30	31
	Secretary Away					

SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule

10 AM Worship Service (Alternating Contemporary and Traditional Services) with **Lemonade on the Lawn** following.

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Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendars Inside!

We seek to be a community filled with the **hope and love of Jesus.**

July/August Worship Participants...

	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lemonade on the Lawn</u>
July 7 10 AM	Need*	N/A	Need*	Jonathan & Linda Yost
July 14 10 AM	Need*	Linda Yost	Rose Sichel	Linda, Cheryl, Peggy, & Cindy
July 21 10 AM	Need*	N/A	Need*	The United Methodist Men
July 28 10 AM	Need*	Linda Hollman	Need*	The Crochunis Family
Aug. 4 10 AM	Need*	N/A	Katherine Crochunis	Rev. Amy & Denny Rill
Aug. 11 10 AM	Need*	Laura Waltrup	Lyla Montgomery	Cheryl Gore & Brenda Benson
Aug. 18 10 AM	Need*	N/A	Isaac Sichel	Mission Team / Stephanie Halley
Aug. 25 10 AM	Need*	Michael Eastwood	Need*	Church Picnic!

* If you would like to sign-up for these opportunities for service, please contact Jess in the church office at (410) 374-4027. Thanks!

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Address Service Requested



Another 13-week session of Grief-Share will start in the Fall (Sept. 10th – Dec. 10th) with Nov. 19th devoted to "Surviving the Holidays." GriefShare members and friends will continue to meet, however, once a month during the summer for breakfast. The group is scheduled to meet on **July 30th** at Dutch Corner in Manchester @ 9:30 am.



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