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*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.*

From the desk of the Pastor...

Grace and peace, Everyone! I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, and that you were able to re-connect/visit friends and loved ones you haven't seen for awhile. Denny and I managed to get away for a week to Colorado to spend some quality time with my older daughter, Sarah, and we enjoyed the beautiful mountain scenery while we were there. We also made some much-needed updates to our Stewartstown rescue horse farm. All good!

“How are you...really?

It was on my heart today to ask a question. How are you...really? I was saying this past Friday to Bonnie Catron and Reenie Harris

that this past year (and change) has left me feeling like I am lacking a good sense of a.) the passage of time and what I did when and 2.) what is going on with a good portion of Wesley membership. We have a little less than half of our in-person worshipping attendance back on Sunday mornings, and who is present varies slightly from week to week. I know that many are still not comfortable with meeting in person, due to Covid-19 variants, health concerns, etc. It feels like nursing home and hospital visit regulations change almost daily. I have made a number of telephone calls and left messages on answering machines, but I know that many of you have been away on vacation. I cannot recall a time in over three decades of ministry when I felt so...well, unsure of what each day, week or month will bring. Maybe I am not alone, and perhaps that is what faith is all about. In the meantime, please let me know what is going on with you and if there is any way that I can provide pastoral assistance. We continue to "live into" this unprecedented season together and I don't want anyone to feel disconnected. Please contact the church office or me if you need my help.

In spite of everything, Wesley UM Church continues our work. This summer we met outdoors whenever possible, every single week, as we have been doing since June 14th

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The Month of September

Alternating Contemporary and Traditional Worship at **10 AM**
Sunday School Begins 9/12/21 at **9 AM**

October and Moving Forward

11 AM Traditional Worship with one Contemporary Worship on the 4th Sunday of the Month
9:30 AM Sunday School



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| 1 | Brylee Sims | 14 | Dawn Graf |
| 3 | Gwyn Montgomery | | Landon Harmon |
| 4 | Craig Schubert | | George Sabol |
| | John Sies | 15 | Nicholas Davidson |
| 5 | Logan O'Byrne | 17 | Jacki Grabowski |
| 7 | Connie Wiegel | 18 | Dick Weaver |
| | Kirsten Zuskin | 20 | Rosemarie Sichel |
| 9 | Matt Lippy | | (Mrs. Michael) |
| | Donna Miller | 23 | Carol Pfoutz |
| 10 | Grant Martin | | Margiana Senseney |
| | Cade Schaefer | 26 | Wyatt Phillips |
| 11 | James M. Hoffman | | Landon Thompson |
| | Jeff Zachman | 27 | Graham Sowash |
| 13 | Craig Ejc | 28 | Stephanie Halley |
| | Wilson Harris | 29 | Nate Halley |
| | | 30 | Charlie O'Byrne |



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| 6 | Jason & Jessica Sellman |
| 11 | John & Janet Martin |
| 19 | Jim & Bev Rill |
| 21 | Bob & Suzanne McCown |



Updating Your Info.

Please contact Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary, by e-mail at baldor1@comcast.net or by phone at 410-876-5295 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.

Updated Contact Information:

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Family and Friends to Keep in Prayer (Cards and Calls Welcome!)



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 Manchester, MD 21102

Jean Colton
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 Room 103
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 Westminster, MD 21157
 (410) 857-9013



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



Thank you a ton Cindy! We used half of the Mission BBQ [gift card from Outreach] last week when we needed everyone to help with a large project. Then the kitchen did not have to make food and they considered it a pat on the back for a job well done! What a blessing.

***Jaime Keller, Director of Workforce Development,
Addiction Healing Center at Westminster Rescue Mission***

Dear Friends of Rape Crisis Intervention Service:

On behalf of Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$250.00 to be used for our day-to-day operations. Your donation will be used to assist us in serving clients aged 12 and up. Every year, we provide services to people who never expected to need our help. With the support of generous individuals such as you, we can continue to provide these much-needed services free of charge. In the last fiscal year, Rape Crisis performed the following services:

- 287 new individual clients served
- 518 calls processed through our 24-hour hotline
- 147 in-person crisis counseling sessions
- 403 individual therapy and group sessions
- 22 accompaniments to either hospital/court/police/schools
- 153 school presentations with 3, 495 attendees
- 7,124 volunteer hours

Thank you for choosing to help us continue to offer support and compassion to survivors of sexual violence in our community.

[p.s.] *Thank you so much!!!*

Sincerely, Janice A. Kispert, CEO

"Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him." — Acts 8:30-31 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

Discipleship is such an important part of our Christian faith. As we learn and grow in our faith, we seek to share that knowledge and experience with other Christians who may be newer to the faith. Part of our outreach to churches in the communities we serve is to support those churches and Christian leaders in their discipleship efforts. One of the ways we are doing this is through offering a workshop to pastors designed to improve their teaching effectiveness.

Your support helps to make outreach efforts like this one possible. Thank you for helping us share the hope of the gospel even as we continue to provide food for physical nourishment!

In Christ alone, Marty Hogan, Executive Director, The Least of These Ministries

[p.s.] *Thank you! God bless your church family!*

Weekly Prayer Time for Wesley's Future



In August of 2022, it is highly likely that the General Conference of the UMC will discuss and pass a Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. As a result, Wesley UMC members will need to vote on the future of our local congregation. **Now** is the time to ask for God's guidance as we go through this phase. **We are joining together in prayer every Tuesday evening at 7 PM; simply stop where you are and pray as you feel led.** May God bless our time in conversation with Him.

Pastor's Message (*Continued*)

of last year. We served many, many meals to individuals and organizations in our community, free of charge. We had a fantastic bible school which was attended by eighteen children. A pavilion has been built out behind the parsonage, as part of Tommy Smith's Eagle Scout project. We have continued small group meetings. Our choir has sung some songs in an impromptu kind of way, bringing smiles to those riding, driving, walking or running by on Sunday mornings. The love continues. This is an exemplary church. An extraordinary church. Thanks be to God.

With the fall season upon us, we look forward to Sunday School opening up on September 12th, our church picnic at the parsonage on the same date, meetings and groups of all sorts back in session, Charge Conference preparation...you name it. For the month of September [...] we will continue one worship service (outdoors, when possible) at 10 AM, alternating styles by week. We will re-evaluate our worship schedule [...] as we know more about the Delta variant and attendance numbers. Sunday School will begin at 9 AM. [Please see the "Worship Schedule" section in this issue of The Wesley Journal for more information.]

That's it for now. For those of you who have been attending and working faithfully, I thank you. For those of you still at home, know that you are loved, prayed for, and thought about...you are missed! Let us continue to hold onto the hope we have in Jesus Christ and keep on keeping on. God is in charge.

Love, Rev. Amy

After-Church Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch has resumed gathering, meeting the last Sunday of each month. We will decide from month to month as to which restaurant we will be going. All are welcome!

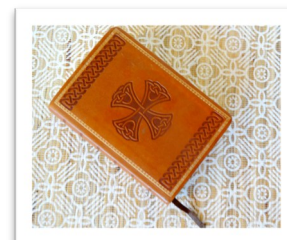
September Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

September 5: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

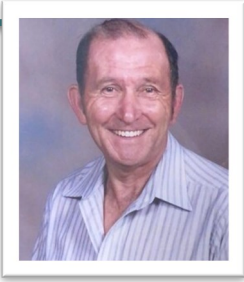
September 12: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 19: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 26: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

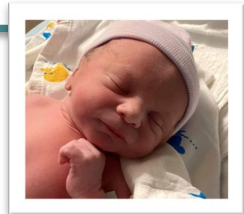


Our Condolences...



We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Phil and Kim Peake. Charles Gordon Peake, Phil's father, passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021. May God hold you close in the difficult times and bring fond memories of Charles to your mind.

Welcome to the World!

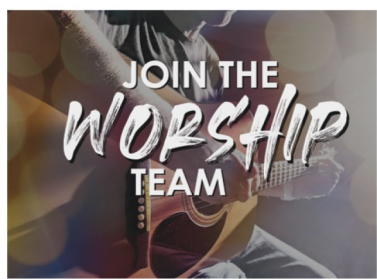


Cherie and Mike Hughes announce their newest grandchild, Bodhi James Hannon, who was born on July 13th at 6:29 PM. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 inches long. Parents Amanda & Steven were doing well after the birth. Congratulations!



Cindy and Clay Myatt announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Trevor Clayton Myatt, who was born on July 16th, 2021, and weighed in at 7 lbs. He was 20 inches long. Congratulations!

Seeking Musicians and Audio/Visual Volunteers



Know a musician or have a desire to help with the equipment behind the scenes? We can use your help!

The contemporary worship team is seeking a **keyboardist**, a **guitarist** (or two), and a **drummer**. If you have these skills or know someone who does, please contact Lisa Kemp at kempfive@comcast.net or (410) 259-5823.

The Worship Committee is reassembling an **Audio/Visual (A/V) team**. This includes people who run the laptop for worship and/or who set up the sounds system for worship. If this appeals to you or someone you know, please let us know!

Contact the church office at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or (410) 374-4027.

Come and worship the Lord with your gifts and talents!

News from the Book Club



Wesley Book Club has returned to meeting at **MJ's Cafe & Baking Co.** on the last Thursday of each month. Note the time of **NOON**. The next meeting is on September 30th for the book, *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah. **Happy reading!**



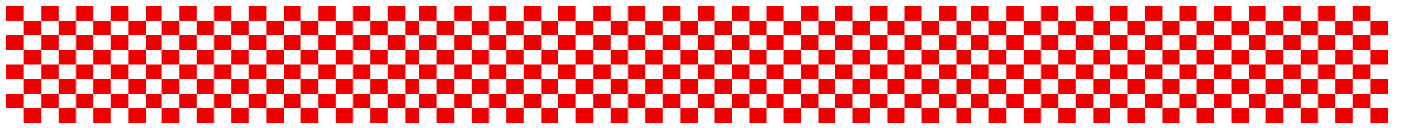
Olde Time Church Picnic

Come join us on **Sunday, September 12th**, under the shade of the trees in the parsonage immediately following the worship service.

Fried Chicken 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 or outside on the lawn. Come and bring the entire family!



Following the Progress of the New Parsonage Pavilion—Tommy Smith's Eagle Scout Project:



Thank you, Tommy!

Visitation Policy for LifeBridge Health

Effective August 20, 2021, LifeBridge Health has updated their visitation policy. Please note:

Visitor hours will be from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.



- Patients, who are not under investigation for COVID-19 or COVID-positive, may have **one designated visitor/support person AT A TIME.**
- **All visitors will be screened for flu-like symptoms** and will not be allowed to visit the hospital if symptoms exist.
- **Visitors MUST wear a mask.** A mask will be provided if you do not have one.
- **No visitors age 12 and under are allowed.**
- Patients at end of life can have 2 visitors at a time.
- Surgical patients and outpatients will be permitted **one visitor for the full duration of their stay.**
- No visitors for COVID+ or PUI (exceptions for disability and compassionate care)

CLOTH MASKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. All visitors will be asked to continue social distancing practices in all areas (including waiting rooms).

Please note: Levindale has slightly different visiting hours and PPE guidelines. Their visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all visitors must wear a mask and eye protection. A mask and shield will be provided if visitors do not have them.

Thank you for your help in ensuring these guidelines are met. Thank you for all that you do for your congregants and the medical team caring for them.

Learn more about LifeBridge Health's COVID-19 response plans and other updates:

www.lifebridgehealth.org/COVID19

"Night by Night" Shelter (Formerly "Cold Weather") Shelter



The Outreach Committee is working to help support the shelter in Westminster. They are in need of the following items:

- ↪ **Items for a quick meal for those who arrive too late for dinner:** canned "Chunky" soups, canned chili or other canned items that could be used for dinner.
- ↪ **Breakfast to go items like:** Pop Tarts, fruit cups, Fruit and Grain bars (not the hard, crunchy kind)
- ↪ **Other items** twin sized blankets (can be used), new women's underwear (sizes 5 & 6), men's deodorant, hair brushes, travel size shampoo.

We will be collecting items through September 19th. Please bring them with you to church. Boxes have been provided at the back of the Sanctuary and by the Education Wing entrance. Questions can be directed to Jan Kurtz or Janet Martin. Thank you!

GriefShare Program Resumes September 7th



GriefShare Program to start up *September 7th* running for 14 weeks through *December 7th*. There are 13 weeks working from the workbook and video ... then *November 16th* will be devoted to the special viewing of "Surviving the Holidays". We will be meeting every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the church library. Prior to the start-up date, we will be distributing pamphlets in the surrounding community as well as welcoming those in our Wesley family who have lost loved ones. This is an excellent program to show us how important a role God plays in helping us through our journey of grief. Please talk to Bonnie Catron and/or Reenie Harris if you have questions or are interested in participating. You can also call the church office at (410) 374-4027.

Church Conference—All Are Welcome!



Wesley UMC's joint Church Conference will be on:

November 6, 2021, at 4 PM via ZOOM.

All are welcome to attend the Church Conference; specific information for joining the ZOOM call will be forthcoming.

Forms for Charge Conference are due to the conference on October 1st via the Arena application. Visit <https://arenaweb.bwcumc.org/> to access Arena with your username and password (Jess Sichel can provide assistance with this if needed).

Those required to submit a report should have been contacted in July with details; however, reports from retired clergy and committee leaders are also welcome. Committee leadership reports should be submitted directly to Jess Sichel. **Thank you for your help!**

Planned Giving

"It is not enough to look back. We need to look forward. There is much that needs to be done (children taught, the sick visited, those who mourn to be comforted, and those in trouble to be helped). Wesley is to stand as a beacon to the love and power of God; its members are to be rays spreading out to give light in a dark world"

– Excerpted from Material Prepared for Wesley's Bicentennial (1987)

Wesley has a rich history, a wonderful present, and a future full of promise. How can we, living in the present, help plant the seeds for our church's future? Consider remembering our Wesley UMC in your Last Will and Testament. Planned giving is one way to provide a legacy to your commitment to Christ, helping Wesley to continue to stand as that "beacon to the love and power of God." Talk to your family. Talk to your advisors. Learn more. One source of information on planned giving is the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation, Inc. You can find them on the web at maumlegacy.org. At Wesley, feel free to contact Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



Orphan Stones: Caring for Those Without Families



As All Saint's Sunday approaches and is observed, the Wesley U.M. Church Cemetery Committee is accepting donations for the repair of "Orphan Stones." Even though the cemetery is not responsible for the repairs to the monuments, we have many older ones that have no family left to repair them—thus they are "Orphan Stones." Time and weather have caused these older monuments to break, tilt, or fall. The earliest marked burial is 1841 and there are nearly 1,000 former members of our Church buried in the cemetery. Our church has a wonderful history of 231 years.

At this time, we have used many of the funds designated for Orphan Stones with repairs that need to be made to them. In honor of and gratitude to these people who founded and sustained our Church, and to keep our cemetery in good repair and appearance, we ask for your support. You may send your tax-deductible donation to the Church or put it in the collection plate on All Saint's Day or at any time. Be sure to add your name to the outside of an envelope and if you have a regular Church envelope, please include that number, also. Mark it for the "Orphan Stones" or Wesley Cemetery. Also, please keep the Church and cemetery in mind when you are preparing or updating your will. This will help us in the future.

Thank you. Dennis Rill, Wesley Cemetery

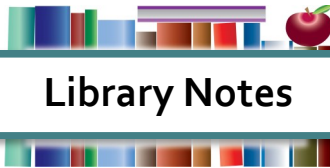
A Note from Wesley's United Methodist Women



Wesley's UMW will meet on September 16th at 11:00pm. Everyone should bring a lunch and a dessert and drink will be provided by a member. We will have a planning meeting to get ready for our new year. We want to invite all ladies from Wesley to come out and join us.

All come and join in the fun at the church. We do have a good time doing Gods work.

Blessings, Connie Wiegel, President



Library Notes

"Do you worry that you've written too many checks on God's kindness account? Do you drag regrets like a broken bumper? Do you huff and puff more than you delight and rest? 'If so, then I have a word for you', says Max Lucado. 'Grace.' *Grace* is simply another word for God's tumbling, rumbling reservoir of strength and protection. He has enough grace to pardon every sin, solve every dilemma, wipe every tear, and answer every question. It's more than we deserve and greater than we imagine. Grace." Here are a few books we found about grace!

Grace in a Tree Stump by J. Ellsworth Kalas (232) Christians often assume too sharp a distinction between the Old and New Testaments, argues preacher, teacher, and best-selling author J. Ellsworth Kalas. They are too quick to view the Old Testament as a strict book of laws and commandments and the New Testament as a witness to grace. The God of the Old Testament is misperceived as a God of wrath and judgment, while the God of the New Testament is

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seen as a God of love and mercy. Using stories from the Old Testament, Kalas helps the reader see that grace has always been part of the character of God and that the Old Testament demonstrates that fact in a variety of ways. The character of God has not changed, says Kalas. It has always been grace-filled.

In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado (232) Just imagine being love-driven instead of self-propelled. Imagine abandoning your life to Jesus instead of trying to save yourself. Can you imagine exchanging your fears for that peace that passes understanding? Being relaxed and free instead of stressed out and anxious? If you can imagine enjoying God instead of trying to repay him, then you can imagine grace.

Grace Will Lead Me Home! by Paul Gerhard Tittle (920) True story of a family of four generations living through two world wars and a cold war of equal brutality and extreme miserable conditions with nothing to eat and nothing to keep warm. It tells of three family members one of whom was severely wounded in World War I, the other who was imprisoned for over five years in Siberia in World War II, and a third family member who at his young age of 16 could not endure political indoctrination and starvation any longer. He made a bold attempt to escape from East Germany to freedom in West Germany. By God's grace all three were led safely home.

The Grace Awakening by Charles Swindoll (232) Preachers preach it. Teachers teach it. Theologians analyze it. Then we forget about it. Here, in a twentieth-anniversary edition, is *The Grace Awakening*. Charles Swindoll's best-selling classic that has awakened hundreds of thousands of readers to the untapped wonders of grace. Wonders that Christians know with their minds but forget with their hearts. Wonders that can make a difference in the way we live, in the way we approach life. Wonders that can make the difference between ho-hum religion and an intimate relationship with a God who wishes us nothing short of joy.

Grace by Max Lucado (232) Grace: we use the word for hospitals, baby girls, kings, and premeal prayers. We talk as though we know what grace means. But do we really understand it? When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no? Max Lucado asks a deeper question: Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? Grace comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret-riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid-to-die to ready-to-fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.

A Dangerous Grace by Charles Colson (242) This is a collection of a year of daily readings from a man who was labeled a political scoundrel. Colson was converted to Christianity by God's grace and was transformed into someone who ministered through Prison Ministry. The body of Colson's work reveals a person transformed in every area of his life, every part of his thinking. When God gets a grip on our lives, nothing is left untouched.

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.

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • August 18, 2021

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Vicky Wilmer, Connie Wiegel, Linda Yost, Rev. Amy, Cindy Myatt, Janet Martin

Treasurer's Report:

- Need to pay for backpacks
- Two \$500 gift cards for Westminster Rescue Mission for dinner
- Timing was good

NESAP Back to School: Linda Yost

- Took over 3 large bags of supplies to NESAP
- Vicky brought backpacks

Soup Sale: November 7th

- Presales
- Ask for a variety of soups

Church Picnic – Sept. 12th

- Sign-up sheet in back of the church
- Set up chairs and tables
- Paper goods, drinks and condiments
 - Paper towels
 - Napkins/ plastic ware
 - Iced tea mix /lemonade
- Purchase Fried Chicken instead [of Hamburgers & Hot Dogs]

Operation Christmas Child

- Outreach will pay for postage

Rescue Mission Meals

- September 21st – volunteers to provide meal [needed]; Janet coordinate
- October 19th: Connie coordinate

Night by Night [Homeless Shelter]: Janet

- Things they could use for dinner
- Canned ["Chunky"] soups, breakfast-to-go (PopTarts, fruit cups, Fruit and Grain bars), canned dinners, twin-sized blankets, women's underwear (sizes 5 and 6), men's deodorant, hair brushes, travel-sized shampoo
- Janet will put list in Journal; Jan email; Jan will check on tub

Reaching Out to our Congregation: Janet

Meals: Bonnie- Reenie will receive beginning this week

College Students: Vicky will send out a call for names.

Tommy's Eagle Scout Project Donation: Outreach will offer to give the balance

New Business

- ↪ Afghanistan refugees- how can we help
- ↪ Haiti – How can we help?

Next Meeting: September 8th at 6pm



Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • June 23, 2021 at 7 PM

Attendees: Jen Ejk, Michelle Hudgins, Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel, Rose Sichel, Vicky Wilmer, Jonathan Yost, Sandy Cole, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Laura Waltrup, John Sies, and Denny Rill

The **meeting opened** at approximately 7:08 PM. **Devotional:** Linda Yost is unable to be with us; Jonathan shared a devotion in her stead. The devotion was about "Pulling One Off for God" from the book, *Love As a Way of Life*, by Gary Chapman, and discussed spiritual gifts/loving people under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Each person is valuable to the "caper."

Outreach:

- The outdoor Food Pantry is currently on "pause."
- "Takeout Tuesday" served fried chicken on June 29th. There were 64 people who came, and 36 meals went to the Westminster Rescue Mission.
- Outreach will collect items and backpacks for NESAP's Back-to-School efforts.
- There will be a churchwide picnic on 9/12/21 following the worship service. Outreach is sponsoring the picnic; the UMM will be cooking the burgers and hot dogs [Note: this has been changed to fried chicken so that the UMM does not need to grill that day]. Everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share; there will be a sign up sheet in August.
- Outreach does not have meeting minutes as the group did not meet in June.

Christian Education:

- The leadership met on the 16th of June.
- There are currently five signed up for Vacation Bible School. If volunteering, please use the form that was put out. There is a tentative schedule for VBS. The VBS mission is about Alpacas in Ecuador; perhaps it can also be about goods for the food pantry. The leadership team will check with Lisa Kemp about possibly doing the music for VBS.
- The leadership is checking with teachers to see if anyone is coming back to teach Sunday School for the Fall 2021 school year.
- Confirmation Class: for Confirmation Class to be run, at least two people are needed. Rev. Amy emphasized that this should be a priority, that it is once in a lifetime. A mix of ages is being asked based on attention/interest.
- Fall curriculum: Jen & Linda are working on this. They liked what they used and would like to use it again. Lisa often comes up with her own material. Lisa will need assistance. The High School class is using the Bible (leaders are Nan Lishman, Chet Phillips, and Vicky Wilmer).

Worship: Jess Sichel made a mistake with the Father's Day gifts, which she will rectify [gifts were handed out and mentioned in the July 4th worship bulletin].

Trustees:

- There was no water in the church after the recent rainfall.
- There is a question about payment for the mulch; the estimated cost is \$210.00.
- A cello teacher who usually uses McDaniel College as the location for his lessons has been given permission to use the church for that purpose. Wesley has two out of the three students (Jonathan Yost and Alayna Mahosky).
- A question was asked about the high cost of HVAC utilities. The answer was that the first quarter's financials were the ones that were looked at. We were not on budget billing at the time. The figure looked high because of the timing of the high utility use. It was noted that Trustees needs to check the heat in the Parsonage; Denny Rill will do this.
- The report for the Ad. Council from Trustees is as follows:

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- ↪ Trustees met in person and virtually on June 2, 2021.
- ↪ Mike Sichel determined that Sigmund's price for the Church office ac/heating unit was too high, (\$9500) and a GE unit was also high (\$8500). Linda contacted Carroll Harris who priced this unit at \$3920. Carroll was given the go ahead to order this unit, which is expected to arrive in August.
- ↪ Some gutters and downspouts have been replaced along the Education wing outside of the Choir room. Proposed and agreed that down spout be cut off leading into the French drain and re-routed along the outside wall of the Education wing to discharge near sidewalk at end of wing. Gary and Denny have completed this and we will wait to see if this corrects the leaking problem.
- ↪ Gordon Benson will be ordering 7 yards of mulch from Schaeffer. Trustees work day is scheduled for this Saturday, June 26th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Need workers, shovels, wheel barrows, rakes, and buckets.
- ↪ Tommy Smith has begun work on his Eagle Scout project at the Parsonage.
- ↪ The Meditation Garden near the cemetery is in need of attention. Both benches need repair and staining, and the gardens need weeding and replanting. Phillip Daugherty will contact Robert Kirby to see if the Scouts could help him work on it. According to Robert Kirby, the Scouts have done repairs over the years.
- ↪ Girl Scouts have been allowed back into the building and met this past week for the girls to work on some badges.
- ↪ Boy Scouts are requesting to use the shelves in the parsonage garage for some of their items. It was recommended that their items be labeled. This will be done over the summer.
- ↪ No meeting for Trustees during July and August. If something comes up, we will have a Zoom meeting.
- ↪ Cello lessons by Tim Anderson. Request by Jonathan Yost for lessons to be held in the church hall. Safe Sanctuary rules must be followed. In lieu of Fee, it is recommended that 2 special music performances be given during a worship service in 2021/2022.
- ↪ Question to Finance Committee: Why are the Utilities for the Church Building and Parsonage so high when the buildings were not in use? Linda to take to Finance committee for answer.

SPRC: A new Youth Director is needed. There was a recommendation that we could advertise for free on Indeed (Laura Waltrup said that the Mission did this all the time). Also, Zip Recruiter has a free five-day trial. Churchstaffing.org was another suggestion. Laura Waltrup would be happy to help. A Word version of the Job Description needs to be sent to Laura ASAP. The SPRC report from Linda is as follows:

- ↪ The Youth Leader job description and it has been publicized in the Baltimore-Washington UMC E-Connection, the Wesley UMC Journal, and the Sunday bulletins. As yet there has not been any response. The goal is to have someone in position by September, 2021.
- ↪ SPRC conducted annual reviews of Wesley UMC's Contemporary Worship Leaders, Lana Montgomery and Lisa Kemp on June 9, 2021. Their love of our Lord shows in the excellent work they are doing as leaders of the Contemporary Worship experience here at Wesley. SPRC committee agreed that we are truly blessed to have such diligent and reliable leaders who care deeply about sharing their skills and Christian love with their Wesley Church family.
- ↪ There will be no SPRC meetings during the summer months of July and August. We will reconvene on September 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Fund: The Cemetery Committee currently has \$82,000 in very low-risk (risk level "1") profile. After a talk by/with RBC [investments company], the Cemetery committee voted in favor of moving the funds to a "3rd Folio Risk." No vote from Ad. Council was needed.

Membership: Sandy Cole

- Sandy is working on updates as they come in.
- She is working on the church pamphlet for this summer. Committee heads should update their sections. Sandy keeps up with the obituaries; there have been lots of funerals. She always puts an entry in Servant Keeper with the obituary for church members.

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Lay Member to Annual Conference: Matt Sichel

- The "Protocol for Grace and Reconciliation through Separation" is still on track to be passed by the General Conference; it seems to be a foregone conclusion.
- Wesley will be free to vote on our forward movement [which are, at the moment, staying with the post-separation UMC (psUMC) or switching over to the Global Methodist Church] as soon as General Conference happens, which will be August of 2022. [No vote will direct us to stay with the psUMC.]
- Wesley will hopefully go as quickly as we can to a vote, but with everyone informed. This starts with the Administrative Council, then spreads to the church. The District Superintendent will have to come to oversee the vote.
- With regard to time frames for making a decision: based on the preparation for a 2020 General Conference, local churches had four years to decide whether to stay or separate from the psUMC. Annual Conferences have one year to decide if they will move over to the Global Methodist Church.
- Per some guesses, the Baltimore-Washington (BW) Conference is likely to stay with the psUMC.
- Discussion about these things proceeded. Some thoughts from the Council include:
 - ↳ Laura Waltrup said that it is in the Ad. Council's best interest that we have an idea of which way the church will go/where people stand. There will be "fallout" in leadership, finances, etc. The church will make a decision; we need to try to plan for fallout.
 - ↳ As an example of handling fallout, we might plan for things like renting the building to the group that separates.
 - ↳ Other people may "swap" churches.
 - ↳ John Sies said that we would be surprised by how many people seem to suddenly care about things.
 - ↳ The membership situation has the potential to be a "gooey mess."
 - ↳ John Sies also asked, "Are we going to jump on the ball or get out of the way?"
- What are our first steps? We could take a "straw pole" in the next six months. This may draw BW Conference attention, which may not be good. We could also have a special meeting to plan in the next six months/fall.
- Per Matt, the Protocol was put together so as to be less prone to amendment (but they will probably happen on some scale).
- Much discussion ensued.
- Laura stated that we need to update and education people again. We should have another round of talking about the issues. This can help prevent perceptions and judgments towards each other.
- It was stated that we need to begin the contingency planning in the Fall.

Treasurer/Finance: Laura Waltrup

- We are under budget for expenses and tracking on budget for income. Laura is cautiously optimistic going into the summer months.

Next Meeting: There will be no July meeting; we will meet again on August 25th. **Devotions** for next month are to be by Sandy Cole.

Tuesday Prayer: In response to the concerns about Wesley's future, Jess Sichel stated that we need to have something like a "stop where you are and pray" time. It was decided that Jess would send out an email (with Rose Sichel's help), with a prayer and a verse. People can stop where they are at 7 PM and pray for our future.

Meals: Vicky Wilmer stated that if people in our church or in our community are in need of meals/food, let her know.

The meeting was **closed in prayer** at 8:29 PM by Vicky Wilmer.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



SEPTEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Visitation 12 PM at J&Ps Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM (virtual and in person)</p>	2	3 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	4
5 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service	6 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i>	7 GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM Lay Leadership Committee 7 PM (virtual)	8 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC Meeting 7:30 PM (virtual) Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	9 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	10 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	11
12 9 AM Sunday School Kick-Off! 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service <i>Church Picnic Following Worship!</i>	13	14 UMM Meeting with Meal 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM Lay Leadership Committee 7 PM (virtual)	15 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM <i>October Journal Submissions Due!</i>	16 UMW Meeting at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall	17 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	18
19 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service	20	21 GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	22 Office Closed Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	23 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	24 Office Closed	25
26 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service After-Church Lunch Bunch After Worship	27	28 GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	29 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	30 Book Club 12 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	<p>Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held in-person and outdoors at 10 AM through September. The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person. In October, the schedule will be 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, and 11 AM Worship.</p>	

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

Worship Participants for September:

September 5: Cont. Worship Leaders—Lisa Kemp and Lana Montgomery

September 12: Liturgist—Jess Sichel

September 19: Cont. Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp

September 26: Liturgist—Laura Waltrup

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- ↔ The Olde Time Church Picnic Flyer
- ↔ Church Conference Details

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