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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...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

Grace to you and peace! It is my hope and prayer that you are enjoying this gorgeous Advent season when we look forward to Jesus coming to us both as a babe in Bethlehem and to his return in power and glory to establish God's Kingdom on earth. I am grateful to all of you for your great kindness and love during this difficult season of fighting cancer and recovering from surgery. I am still in the process of writing thank you notes for the many ways you have been "church" to my family and me. There are really no words to express adequately how grateful I am/we are for all that you have said and done. Please know that I/we will always remember the ways this minister was "ministered to" by Wesley United Methodist Church. Your cards, visits, e-mails, text messages, phone calls, gifts, thoughts and prayers have meant the world. Thank you!

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I want to thank especially my beloved "angel friend," The Rev. Dr. Frank Richardson. Because of this fine servant of the Gospel, I felt that the church was in good hands and had no worries about how well an interim would fare in my absence. Thank you, also, to The Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade, our District Superintendent,

and the Wesley Staff-Parish Relations Committee for handling my illness in such a grace-filled way, and to Matt Sichel and Linda Yost for filling in for me in the Wesley pulpit. That the church ran seamlessly without its pastor for three months speaks volumes about the clergy and laity that you are. Again, I am/we are grateful!

My surgeon has cleared me for return to work on January 1, 2022. While I have already been back to Wesley for a couple of worship services in the last month, I look forward to being back with you full-time at the start of the new year. That said, I ask for your forbearance as I continue to

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Worship Services for January and Inclement Weather Policy



Please remember Wesley UMC's inclement weather policy:

If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Carroll County at 6 AM, Sunday School and Fellowship Time will be cancelled. The 11 AM service will depend on the severity of the weather.

In the event of inclement weather, a message will be left on the church answering service by 7 AM regarding services, but please use your discretion for the weather in your area. We don't want anyone getting injured!



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| Barbara Houck | Dan Pfoutz |
| 3 Dennis L. Rill | 19 Sandy Cole |
| 5 Kim Peake | Roy Rill |
| 6 Jan Kurtz | 20 Taylor Miller |
| Aislinn Sowash | 21 Joshua Ejek |
| 7 Bill Connor | 22 Bradley Rill |
| Paul Kemp | 25 Brady Jansson |
| 9 Evan Mahosky | Ally Subock |
| 10 George Davey | 26 Janet Martin |
| Donald Lippy | Darwin Sater |
| 12 Chet Phillips | 27 Gary Wilmer |
| 14 Zeke Halley | 28 Roger Daugherty |
| Raelynn Rill | Irene Davis |
| 15 Dot Benedict | Keegan Rill |
| 17 David Graf | Darilyn Thompson |
| Colton Horner | 30 Scott Palmer |
| Tracey Rill | 31 Charlotte Gyory |
| 18 George Brooks | Aaron Horner |



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- 6 Michael & Lee Ann Crochunis
- 20 Earl & Bonnie Christiani
- 25 Gregory & Courtney Horner

Our Condolences...

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of long-time Wesley member and active congregant Betty Horner, who passed away late on Christmas Eve, 2021. May God hold you close as you mourn Betty's passing and celebrate her life.



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.



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

Peggy Dovell
2322 Susanann Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-0199

Stewart Graf
Longview Nursing Home
Room 139
3332 Main St.
Manchester, MD 21102

Jean Colton
Sunrise Senior Living
Room 103
45 Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 857-9013



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

Welcome to the World!

Roxane & Dean Brewer are proud grandparents to a little girl born early on November 30th to their daughter, Selena, and her husband. The baby weighed 10lbs. 8 oz. and was 22" long.



After 30+ hours of labor, Everett Manuel Williamson, son of Emma and Ryan Williamson and grandson of Michelle and Dave Hudgins, was born on December 14, 2021. He weighed in at 7.9 lbs. and 21" in length.

Jeremiah Ebenezer Simeon Harrell was born on December 19, 2021, to John and Ana Harrell; John is the son of Charles Harrell. Jeremiah is the fifth great grandchild of Stanley Harrell.



Dear Wesley family,

What a blessing our friends at Wesley have been to us over the past month! In our time of loss after dad/John's unexpected passing, we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity. Just as Paul writes in his letters to fellow believers, we have not ceased thanking God for you, our brothers and sisters in Christ. The way you have supported and loved us - through calls and notes, meals cooked, your hugs, donations to the Rescue Mission in memory of John, and presence by our side - you have reflected the love of our Lord. We are moved by the way you walk through life with our family, and we are grateful. Thank you Wesley for loving us well.

Sincerely and gratefully, The Martin, Halley, and Stephen family

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Thank you to Jan Graf and Janet Martin for decorating Wesley church for all seasons. Their creative touches make all feel welcomed and loved.

Anonymous

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Wesley family you are the BEST! We collected \$1,300 in gift cards for the NESAP Holiday Program. Once again, you made a joyous Christmas for many people.

Cindy Myatt, Wesley UMC Outreach Committee

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We would like to thank Wesley Church for our amazon gift cards and well wishes! Thanks you so much for thinking of us!

Love, Kate and Christie Ejk

Updated COVID Procedures:

Because of the recent surge of cases of COVID-19 around us, Wesley UMC's Administrative Council has discussed and decided on an updated masking and social distancing policy. At this time, masks are required to enter the church buildings and must be worn the entire time of the visit. Attendees are also asked to socially distance when possible (sit between the blue pieces of tape on the pews) and use hand sanitizer, which can be found near the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your help in protecting each other!

If you or someone close to you has been exposed to COVID and/or you have been in the church building while possibly contagious, please notify Jan Kurtz at jan.kurtz@gmail.com or by phone at (443) 340-6497. Thank you!

The Wesley UMC Administrative Council

From the Pastor's Desk (*Continued*)



heal in body, mind and spirit. Like anyone else battling serious illness, I have good days and bad days. I tend to tire easily, also, and have been cautioned by those entrusted to my medical care to refrain from "overdoing it." (Fatigue is my greatest adversary right now.) I imagine that my return to work will include a hybrid of working from home and "in person." My greatest energies will be spent attending to preaching, counseling and pastoral care. Please continue to keep me informed about any needs of that sort that you might have. I want to be there for you! Conversely, please do not be upset if I say "no" to social invitations, at least for the time being, and ask that evening meetings be held via ZOOM whenever possible. These minor adjustments should make this return-to-work endeavor "do-able." Thank you again, in advance, for your patience and understanding.

God bless you all. Wesley United Methodist Church is just...well...the BEST! I love you and cannot wait to be back. Until then, enjoy the rest of the Advent Season, and have a very Merry Christmas.

Love, Rev. Amy

January Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

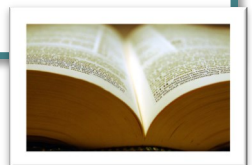
January 2, 2022 (Epiphany): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 9 (Baptism of the Lord): Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16 (Human Relations Day): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 30: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



The Frank and Loretta Harris Music Scholarship

The Frank and Loretta Harris Music Scholarship program has been established in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harris in dedicated thanks for their lifetime of love and support of music and musicians of Wesley United Methodist Church. Their loyal encouragement has provided musical experiences and opportunities for Wesley members to perform within the church services and in the local community.

The scholarships are open to Wesley member applicants of any age who are studying or planning to study music through private lessons and school lessons. All disciplines are welcomed, including voice, piano, organ, brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, and composition.

They are also designed to partly include instrument repairs if needed.

Applicant members may also be pursuing college degrees or other suitable dimensions of the practice of musical craft after graduating from high school.

Each year, the recipients should be encouraged to perform several times at Wesley Church during regular worship services or special occasions, of course in coordination with the Music Department. A dedication to musical leadership as a member of Wesley is an important goal to help to ensure that quality church music will be continued for the next generations.

The scholarships usually begin with gifts of \$400-\$1000, depending on the level of study. Each candidate is carefully considered in all aspects which combine to identify that person, their ability, level and dedication. Renewal of awards is considered yearly and strongly encouraged.

Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2022. Below is an outline with suggestions to be considered by the applicant as to how they view themselves, the church, and their musical journey. Please address a **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** in the form of an email to:

Larry Harris: lharris994@sbcglobal.net
I also may be reached 24/7 by text or call at: 330-360-9948

APPLICATION GUIDELINES: *(Applicant has freedom to design this content.)*

- Your name, age, musical instrument or voice, number of years of study, teacher's name(s)
- Your home address/email/phone
- Your experience so far in the musical programs at Wesley/your school/community/other
- What are your short-term musical goals? Long-term goals?
- Any other things of interest you would like me to know about you
- Questions for me to answer for you

As a 65-yr. member of Wesley Church, I want to thank each and every member for your continued support of fine quality music, music participation and musical leadership. It will keep OUR faith alive, as it has for me for 77 years.

Larry F. Harris
Professor of Music, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (50 yrs.)
Director of Music/Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown (37 yrs.)

From the Editor...



Hello to all of our readers! Just a few notes:

- Don't forget to turn your Journal submissions in by the fifteenth of the month prior!
- Submissions for the bulletin should be turned in by Wednesday.

Thanks for your help with keeping the congregation informed!

Jess Sichel, Secretary

Lenten Devotional for 2022!

Let's get it together – the Lenten Devotional, that is! It's time to be thinking and praying about what you will write for this season's devotional. The theme is "Love" – sacrificial love, love for the least of these, love for each other, etc. A list of scriptures will be provided soon, but if you find an appropriate scripture reading first – great!

Submit your writings to Jess Sichel by dropping them off in the office or emailing them to wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org. Thank you for your participation!

The Wesley Book Club: Upcoming Dates, Times, and Readings

Wesley Book Club meets at MJ's Café & Baking Co. in Manchester, MD, on the last Thursday of each month at **12 Noon**. All are welcome! Here are the next **Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates through May:**

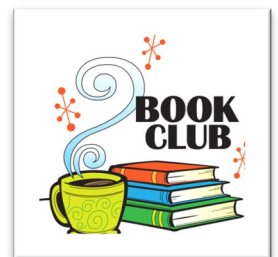
JANUARY, 27th, 2022: [The Winemaker's Wife](#) by Kristen Hamel
(An historical novel.)

FEBRUARY 24, 2022: [The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill](#) by Luis Velez
(Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" by his classmates. "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends.)

MARCH 31, 2022: [Our Country Friends](#) by Gary Shteyngart
(Humor ... Eight friends, one country house, and six months in isolation – a novel about love, friendship, family and betrayal.)

APRIL 28, 2022: [Rush of Heaven](#) by Emma McKinley
A woman's miraculous encounter with Jesus after spending 18 years in a wheelchair. (This book is found in our Wesley Church Library. See *Library Notes* in December Journal.)

MAY 26, 2022: [Lady Clementine](#) by Marie Benedict
(1909 – Winston Churchill's wife)



Wesley UMC is Hiring!

Job Description: **YOUTH GROUP LEADER**

Salary: \$15/hour, 5 hours/week, based upon 44 weeks annually, totaling \$3,300

Start date: January, 2022

Description:

Develop a spiritually-driven youth program for grades 6 through 12. Program should be consistent with United Methodist theology and polity and be designed to inspire youth in our local community to serve Jesus Christ. Position requires a paid 90-day probationary period.

Supervision:

Pastor; Chairperson Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Duties and Responsibilities:

Design, develop, and manage a comprehensive and vibrant Christian youth group program for 6th through 12th graders; work closely with the Pastor to assure program meets United Methodist standards; participate and assist Church leadership with the planning of Christian events and activities. Provide spiritual leadership to youth. Maintain logs of completed tasks, current events, and future activities. Attend monthly meetings and/or submit monthly reports to Wesley Administrative Council.

Minimum Qualifications:

Self-motivated leader with excellent communication skills. Proficient with computer programs, internet research and related tools for marketing and promotion; adept at various social media including but not limited to texting, emails, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Prior professional training and/or education in Christian youth ministry is desired but not required.

Position requires ability to physically interact with youth in playing indoor and outdoor games, activities such as camp, Conference-involved events such as ROCK, and community service projects, such as Camp Wesley, Volunteers in Mission, etc. Position also requires familiarity with Safe Sanctuary requirements in order to incorporate these requirements, policies and procedures into the youth program. Ability to successfully complete a criminal background check and fingerprint verification is mandatory.

Provide references upon request.

Contact:

Forward resumes with cover letter via Church mailing address, or email to Linda S. Yost, Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee, LJYost@verizon.net.

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Carroll County Behavioral Health Provider Hotline

Access Carroll is excited to host a new Behavioral Health Provider Hotline. The hotline is intended to rapidly link behavioral health services and resources for the acute patient needs of Carroll County community providers. It is also accessible to Carroll County Public Schools and faith-based leaders who are addressing behavioral health needs in the community.



443-952-7555

The Carroll County Behavioral Health Provider Hotline is answered by licensed and trained staff who may connect direct assistance to the provider or reach out to the patient in need, offering various resources to support a successful connection to care.

Behavioral Health services include substance use disorder and mental health care. The provider hotline number is 443-952-7555 and is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The hotline hours will expand to offer more accessibility, as needed.

Wesley United Methodist Women's News



On December 16th Wesley UMW met for our Christmas celebration. We had a Christmas tea party.

We enjoyed a variety of yummy things to eat and then had a gift exchange. It was a wonderful time celebrating Jesus birthday with our sister friends.

Our next meeting will be January 20th at 11 am in the church hall. We would like to invite all our dear ladies at Wesley to come and join us.

Blessings to all, Connie Wiegel, President

Wesley United Methodist Men's News



The United Methodist Men's group met on November 15th for some fine food and fellowship. Dave (me) provided a Veterans Day-themed devotion and our role as Christian Soldiers. John shared the story of the ceremony performed in the Navy the first time a sailor crosses the equator, the commendation from Neptune and earning a gold earring. John shared the certificate bestowed upon his father in 1943 for crossing the equator in the South Pacific during World War II. Very interesting piece of history.

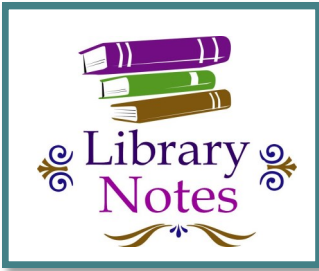
No meeting planned for December. Next meeting will be Monday, January 17, 2022, at 6:30pm. Agenda: Dinner (Entree Gary, Salad/Bread Jim, Drinks/Dessert Stanley); Short business meeting Devotion (John); Speaker (Jeff providing some golf lessons or possibly Commissioner Dick Weaver providing an update on the county).

Holiday blessings to all -Dave Hudgins-

Photos of the Ladies' Christmas Tea:

There was a great deal of Christmas cheer going around at the UMW's Christmas Tea. Here are some photos of our lovely ladies enjoying some time before the Holiday:





“When we think about the good things in life, one thing overshadows all the rest, and that is our fellowship with God. No one can take His place in our lives. As much as we love our family members and friends, the greatest friendship we will ever experience is with Jesus Christ.” ---from *Seeking His Face* by Charles Stanley

If you would like to read some terrific devotionals, look here:

Every Day with Jesus: Daily Joy for the Journey by Guideposts (240) *Every Day with Jesus* is a journey about the love and light of Jesus. Each of the 365 devotions explores the intimate faith of celebrated writers like DiAnn Mills, Gari Meacham, and Rick Hamlin. They share personal reflections of how He invests in our Daily lives and what it means to embrace a closer walk with Him. Discover the renewed faith of a woman who looked to Jesus when she had no way to feed her children and learn about a man whose mysterious illness led him to seek Jesus first. These stories and prayers from the heart offer comfort and hope for every tomorrow.

Seeking His Face by Charles Stanley (242) Take a few moments out of your busy life to seek the God who desires to love, comfort, heal, and transform you. All you need to do is make yourself available to listen to His voice, to sense His promptings in your heart and spirit, to saturate your mind with His written word. *Seeking His Face* is a refreshing daily devotional from beloved pastor and bestselling author, Dr. Charles Stanley. Open your heart to the Father as Dr. Stanley leads you in a daily quest to seek His face.

Voices of the Faithful by Beth Moore (242) Loving the world like God does involves extreme sacrifice. It also has radical effects, demonstrated in these 366 true accounts of fellow believers from around the world. *Voices of the Faithful* brings you the amazing stories of hundreds of Christians worldwide who daily go to the outer limits of spiritual devotion and are living the passionate, courageous life Jesus challenged us all to live.

Every Day with the Savior by Rudolph F. Norden (242). In these devotional readings, the saving, sin-forgiving love of Jesus comes to the fore to give us strength to get on with our Christian vocations. The truths He speaks linger in our hearts. Day or night, we sense that the Lord who speaks to us in Holy Scripture is walking and working and watching over us. [Large Print]

Little Promises by Our Daily Bread (240) Sometimes just one phrase can have a tremendous impact. Whether we take a saying as our life motto or simply let a few words of encouragement refresh our soul for a day, we like to ponder short phrases that remind us what's true and valuable. *Little Promises* is filled with thought-provoking sayings from the writers of Our Daily Bread, as well as the Scripture verses each saying is based on. We pray this collection will remind you of God's great love for you!

Daily Readings from Your Best Life Now: 90 Devotions for Living at Your Full Potential by Joel Osteen (242). These 90 days of motivational thoughts, inspirational messages, and helpful Scripture verses will help strengthen faith in God, in others, and in yourself. By applying these truths, one is able to rise above obstacles and live in health, abundance, and victory.

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

Administrative Council Minutes • November 17, 2021

Attendees: Jan Kurtz (Chairperson), Jen Ejik, Connie Wiegel, Jess Sichel, Michelle Hudgins, Rev. Dr. Frank Richardson, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, John Sies, Laura Waltrup, Matt Sichel, Rose Sichel, and Sandy Cole

[The majority of this meeting centered around masks and related concerns. At this time (November 17, 2021), Wesley UMC had a mask- optional policy.]

Pastor Frank **opened the meeting** with prayer.

Mask Wearing:

- In the past, masks were mandated from outside of the church. If we were to institute a mask requirement as a church, there could be pushback. Also, it would involve singing and the choir. Jan wants to get a feel for the group.
- At this time, the COVID rates for the State are at +/-3 %. The level for Carroll County is +/-7 %.
- Per Connie Wiegel, Stephanie Smith has said that the schools are short staffed (at least at Hampstead Elementary).
- Carroll County has a bit of a stronghold of anti-vaccine individuals, [which is a factor].
- Jan would like to wait a bit and see how things go; she is concerned because of the pushback.
- Rose Sichel provided information based on what she has seen.
- Jonathan Yost also gave some information: Carroll County is running a little higher than others, but that may go down by the Cantata.
- Linda Yost strongly recommended the wearing of masks.
- It was recommended that we also take into consideration the vaccine mandate for employers with 100+ employees; Matt Sichel said that OSHA will not enforce this mandate.
- Jan Graf has said that the Cantata would not work with the choir wearing masks. Also raised by Jess Sichel and John Sies was the hypocrisy of choir being without masks and breathing on masked individuals in the Sanctuary.
- Pastor Frank noted that we should look at how things have worked before and the history and science. For example, in science, things have to be reviewed by a committee of ethics; what will do no harm? If there is potential harm, subjects have to be informed.
- It was noted that there is less risk now; there is less of a death threat.
- Linda Yost supported communicating that attendees are welcome to wear a mask due to Carroll County numbers increasing/mindfulness—"wear a mask to protect others."
- Other ideas were "thrown" into the discussion:
 - Ushers/Greeters could give out a mask.
 - The cantata might be able to be recorded; someone could ask Jan Graf.
- Matt Sichel said that there is less risk and there is more medicine available; the congregation will fight back.
- Instead of pitting one against another, perhaps we could strongly recommend masks.
- Michelle Hudgins said that she is always concerned with science. She has not been wearing a mask in church, but will wear it elsewhere. She is comfortable in the church without; she feels that the church is different because most are vaccinated. She will do whatever the church needs.
- Connie reminded us that pews are there for social distancing. It was noted that we probably need to review previous social distancing, pew seating, mask (etc.) guidelines.
- Laura Waltrup said that Christmas is coming. She also mentioned having a threshold for increased or decreased restrictions.

At this point in the conversation, it seemed like the consensus might be to make a threshold and encourage masks.

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- More discussion ensued, including the reliability of the statistics.
- Also, it was noted that the Baltimore Washington Conference is not requiring masks, but is recommending them.
- Jen Ejik stated that the Sunday School team is wearing masks with the kids, which was decided as a team. Different churches are doing different things.
- Pastor Frank suggested keeping a door open for ventilation.
- It was suggested that it be mentioned in the opening statements in church that there are “several schools of thought,” and if one would rather be in a mask, feel free to be.
- Sandy Cole mentioned that she has no problem either way; the masks do not help her breathing problems, so she would prefer not to wear them.
- A motion was raised and amended to the following:

“Because of the uptick of new COVID infections in Carroll County, we are strongly encouraging that congregants social distance, wear a mask throughout the entire church, and use hand sanitizer to protect one another. We will continue to monitor the situation.” [PLEASE NOTE: Procedures for Wesley have since been updated by the Ad. Council in a later meeting. Masking is now required.]

The original motion was made by Linda Yost, amended by the group, seconded by Jess Sichel, and further amended by Jan Kurtz to the above format. The vote was in favor of the motion with no “nays” and no abstentions. Pastor Frank asked if it was okay or not okay to take off the mask when preaching; he was told that it was okay.

Also Discussed:

- **Christian Education:** The Christian Education team is meeting tomorrow with Janet Martin, Worship Chair. They will discuss the outside Live Nativity and Pageant combination. Also, there will be a kickoff to Advent on Dec. 5th with a carnival theme. Sandy Cole needs the information from last year regarding publicizing.
- **Announcement Clarity:** John Sies noted, in part for Pastor Frank’s benefit, that announcements are not always heard throughout the church and has suggested various times that people/pastors repeat the announcements for the recording.
- **Live Streaming:** Linda Yost asked if there was a problem with the Live Stream last week; Jess said that there was and confessed that she was the problem.
- **Recycling:** Calvin Lucy, our custodian, has asked about the status of our recycling; Hughes’ will need to be contacted for clarification
- **Freedom Broadband** needs to be in contact and/or come out to the church soon—perhaps the 19th?
- **Security Video:** There was discussion about the need for video recording and how a court order is needed before giving out video recording of others due to privacy.

The **meeting was closed** in prayer by Matt Sichel at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Jess Sichel, Recording Secretary

Wesley UMC Leadership • 2022

“Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.
 I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.
 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.” Proverbs 4:10-12

Thank you to all who have given their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to Wesley UMC. Below are our 2020 leaders. Please welcome both new and returning and support them as best you can in the coming months. May God bless us as we work to be in His will!

Administrative Council

Chair: Jan Kurtz	Vice-Chair: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill
Recording Secretary: Jess Sichel	Membership Secretary: Sandy Cole
Treasurer: Laura Waltrup (final year)	Finance Chair: Michelle Hudgins
Lay Leader: TBD	Financial Secretary: Jonathan Yost
Pastor: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill	Memorials Comm. Chair: TBD
Worship Chair: Janet Martin	Outreach Ministry Chair: Vicky Wilmer
UMW President: Connie Wiegel	UMM President: Dave Hudgins
Trustees Chair: <i>To Be Voted Upon in 2022</i>	Cemetery Committee Chair: Dennis Rill
Historian: Matt Sichel	Communications Committee Chair: Sandy Cole
Visitation Committee Chair: Reenie Harris	SPRC Chair: Linda Yost
Lay Leadership (Nomin.) Chair: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis	UMYF Representative: Rose Sichel
Lay Member to Annual Conf.: Matt Sichel	
Christian Education Chair/Co-Chair: Jennifer Ejik, Jackie Otwell	
At-Large: Bonnie Catron, John Sies, Gary Wilmer, Brenda Kennedy, Scott Palmer	

Board of Trustees: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary: *To Be Voted Upon in 2022*

Class of 2022: Gordon Benson, Phillip Daugherty, Pam Phillips
Class of 2023: Bryce Davey, Dennis Rill, Jim Watkins
Class of 2024: Lee Ann Crochunis, Gary Wilmer, Dean Brewer
Non-Voting Member: *Need* (Sexton); **Lay Member to Annual Conf.:** Matt Sichel

Building Committee (Rolls up to Trustees): **Chair:** Denny Rill **Secretary:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

Members: Mike Sichel, Pam Phillips (Trustees Rep), Matt Sichel, Laura Waltrup

Endowment Fund Committee (Rolls up to Trustees): **Chair:** Laura Waltrup **Secretary:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

Treasurer: Andy Smith **Trustees Liaison:** TBD **Finance Liaison:** Jonathan Yost
Members include: Dolores Bennett, Jeff Horner, Cindy Myatt

Finance Committee: **Chair:** Michelle Hudgins

Financial Secretary: Jonathan Yost **Treasurer:** Laura Waltrup (final year)
Committee Members: John Sies, Jason Martin, Dave Hudgins, Denny Rill
Ex-officio: Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Matt Sichel), SPRC Representative (TBD), Trustees Chair (TBD)

Capital Fundraising Committee (Rolls up to Finance): **Chair:** Cherie Hughes & Linda Yost

Members include: Finance Representative (TBD), Trustees Representative (TBD), Kathy Miller, Norma Beam, Dian Rowe, Sandy Cole

Outreach Ministries: **Chair:** Vicky Wilmer

Members: Davona Palmer, Cindy Myatt, Betty Barr, Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Clay Myatt, Jackie Otwell, Matt Otwell, Pam Phillips, Dian Rowe, Betsy Sennett, Connie Wiegel, Linda Yost, Chet Phillips, Madison Smith, Nanette Lishman

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Staff Parish Relations Committee: Chair: Linda Yost

Class of 2022: Linda Yost, Roger Daugherty, Matthew Otwell

Class of 2023: Ruth Rill, Kim Peake, Linda Hollman

Class of 2024: Reenie Harris, Dave Hudgins, *Need*

Ex-officio: Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Matt Sichel) and Lay Leader (*Need*)

Education Committee:

Christian Education Team Chairperson: Jennifer Ejk

Christian Education Team Members: Patty Harris, Jackie Otwell

Teachers/Assistants: Bonnie Catron, Lisa Kemp, Nan Lishman, Davona Palmer, Chet Phillips, Linda Yost

Committee on Lay Leadership: Chair: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

Class of 2022: Jennifer Ejk, Charlotte Gyory, Jan Kurtz

Class of 2023: Connie Wiegel, Nan Lishman, John Sies

Class of 2024: Gladys Smith, Pat Daugherty, Jim Watkins

Worship Committee: Chairs: Janet Martin

Communion Steward: Linda Hollman

Chancel Choir Director: Jan Graf

Praise Team Leaders: Lisa Kemp

Organist: Jeff Horner

At Large: Linda Yost, Kim Peake

Children's Choir: Cynthia Davey

Liturgist / Usher / Greeter Coordinator: Janet Martin

Altar Guild: Brenda Kennedy, Sandy Cole, and Peggy Horner

Church Secretary: Jess Sichel

Memorial Committee: Chair: *Need*

Committee Members: Brenda Benson, Gordon Benson, Lee Ann Crochunis, (*previous chairpersons?*)

At Large: Michelle Hudgins (Finance Chairperson)

Cemetery Committee: Chair: Dennis Rill Treasurer: Laura Waltrup

Members: Joan Porterfield, Jan Graf, Wayne Horner, Chet Phillips, Carl Rill, James Watkins, John Sies

Small Groups: Coordinators: Laura Waltrup, Jess Sichel

Communications: Chair: Sandy Cole

Members: *Need*, Matt Sichel & Rose Sichel (Church Sign); **Church Administrator:** Jess Sichel

Visitation Committee: Chair: Reenie Harris

Members: Betty Barr, Sandy Cole, Jocelyn Davey, Jacki Grabowski, Betsy Sennett, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Linda Yost, Barbara Sater

Membership Committee: Chair: Sandy Cole

Members: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Denny Rill, Jessica Sichel, Laura Waltrup

Church Librarians: Nan Lishman, Bonnie Catron

Certified Lay Servants: Linda Yost, Matthew Sichel

Primary Liaison, Maryland Faith Health Network (MFHN): Sandy Cole

JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 11 AM Traditional Worship Service	3	4 Girl Scout Meetings 6:30 to 8 PM	5 Visitation at J&Ps Restaurant 12 Noon Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	6 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	7 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	8
9 11 AM Traditional Worship Service	10 Small Group 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall & Library	11	12 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	13 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	14 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	15 February Journal Submissions Due Today!
16 11 AM Traditional Worship <i>After-Church Lunch Bunch following Worship</i>	17 United Methodist Men's Meeting 6:30 PM	18 Girl Scout Meetings 6:30 to 8 PM	19 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	20 United Methodist Women's Meeting 11 AM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	21 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	22
23 11 AM Contemporary Worship Service	24 Small Group 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall & Library	25	26 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	27 Book Club 1 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co. Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	28 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	29
30 11 AM Traditional Worship Service	31					
<p>Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held indoors and in-person at 11 AM.</p>						<p>The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person.</p>

SCHEDULE OF



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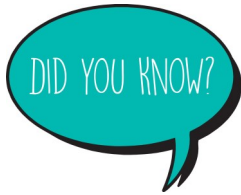
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Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendar Inside!

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

Worship Participants for January:

- January 2 (Epiphany)** Liturgist—Linda Yost, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, Advent Wreath—Kurtz
- January 9 (Baptism of the Lord):** Liturgist—Laura Waltrup, Acolyte—TBA
- January 16 (Human Relations Day):** Liturgist — Matt Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel
- January 23:** Praise Team Leader — Lisa Kemp, Music — Contemporary Praise Team, Acolyte—TBA
- January 30:** Liturgist — Jan Kurtz, Acolyte: TBA



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