

THE WESLEY JOURNAL

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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...

Friends:

As a student at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C, I discovered that traffic patterns in the city were different than the roads I traveled in West Virginia. Washington D.C. is known for its traffic circles. I wondered how I would negotiate my designated turns without traveling around those circles forever. Over time, I became familiar with various travel patterns and slowly found my way around.

Traffic patterns do change over time, often at times when we thought we had figured it all out. Someone said, *"The shortest distance between two points in geometry is a straight line; but the shortest distance between two points on most highways is usually under construction."* That is true. GPS devices need to

keep updating their databases because traffic patterns continue to change.

How does the church grow in times of change and transition? Will the same framework (map) we used 40 or 50 years ago help us understand our

community today? Or will old maps bring about frustration, causing us to overlook changing patterns around us, cultural changes, and the dynamics of population growth and demographic change? In times of transition, we need new maps to help us navigate the roads ahead.

Since 1972, the United Methodist Church remains divided on how the church needs to respond to the LGBT community, particularly in areas dealing with ordination and clergy performing weddings for same-sex couples. There are those (*progressives*) who believe LGBT persons should be able to enter the process of ordination and that clergy should have the authority to perform same-sex weddings. And there are those (*traditionalists*) who believe that LGBT persons are not to be ordained and that clergy cannot perform same-sex weddings.

Where does Wesley church stand on this issue? As your pastor, I know our church will be facing difficult discussions, important questions, and weighty decisions in the next few months. How do we navigate the current situation facing the United Methodist Church? Will we remain United Methodist or decide to disaffiliate? The Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference has created clear guidelines for a local church to disaffiliate. It is important for us to know that a local church does not initiate this process by itself without guidance from the Bishop, District Superintendent, and conference leadership.

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Updating Your Information

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.

In the Pastor's Absence...

Pastor Gary will be away with his wife, Laurie, on an extended trip to Australia and New Zealand during the month of October. In his place, pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Matthew Sichel, Commissioned Deacon for Wesley UMC. **Rev. Sichel can be reached by cell phone at (443) 278-3440 or by email at popsichel@hotmail.com.** Should a pastoral need arise, please feel free to contact him at any time.

Pulpit Coverage will be provided as follows:

- ◆ 10/9 & 10/16: Rev. Matthew Sichel
- ◆ 10/23: Stephanie Halley
- ◆ 10/30: Rose Sichel



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

**Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-
and Denny Rill**
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Stewartstown, PA 17363

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Hampstead, MD 21074



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



Thanks to Rose Sichel for arriving very early on Sunday to post hymns, set up our technology, and then attend Sunday School. Thanks, Rose, we appreciate all your efforts!

Anonymous

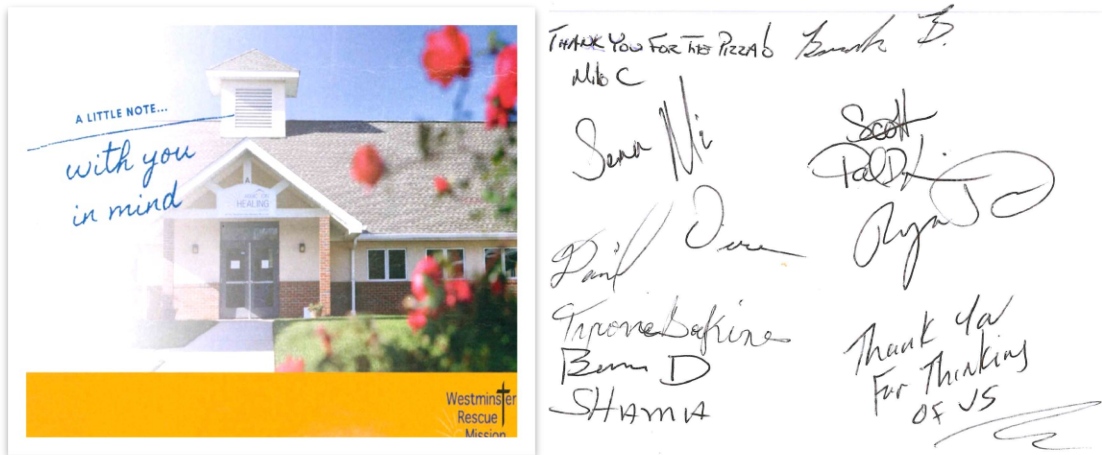
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The coins, bills, and checks that are donated through our Baby Bottle Campaign add up to hope, and countless blessings for our moms and their babies. We are so grateful for your generous hearts and your gifts totaling \$423.06.

Thank you for partnering with Alpha to protect and provide for precious little lives. Together we can continue to make an eternal difference for Life!

With a Grateful Heart, Janice for Alpha

A note from Westminster Rescue Mission:



Current COVID-19 Guidelines...

At this time, the community level for Carroll County is "Low," meaning that we should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if we have symptoms. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

We are currently "mask optional" at Wesley; this is dependent on the conditions surrounding us regarding COVID; if the numbers increase again, we may need to re-mask. Please use your discretion as to whether or not you feel comfortable attending services, and 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!

“From the Desk of the Pastor” *Continued...*

I do not pretend to have all the answers, nor do I have a crystal ball that will tell me how this will all turn out. But here are things I do know. I know Wesley church consists of loving, thoughtful, and committed people. It has been an absolute delight getting to know you in the last few months. I am looking forward to working together to strengthen our current ministries and explore ways that might lead us to other new ways of serving others. Transitions are never easy. Life is about change. The communities around us change. Sometimes we get disoriented and try to find our way. With the help of God’s grace, you and I can navigate the territory together and find ways to grow and serve others.

Grace and Peace, Gary

News from the Lay Leadership Development (Nominations) Committee

According to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (paragraph 258:1) the committee on nominations and leadership development is to:

- **Identify** the gifts and strengths of persons in the congregation
- **Develop** their gifts, skills, and nurture them in their mission or ministry roles
- **Deploy** persons according to their gifts and passion in areas of service within the Church, community, and world
- **Evaluate** the effectiveness of their service and provide necessary training and service
- **Monitor** the progress of their development and celebrate their accomplishments and service

Wesley church is full of talented and gifted people who acknowledge God as the gift-giver. Apostle Paul wrote: “*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but is the same God who activates all of them in everyone*” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

In the last month, the Lay Leadership Committee has made over 70 (phone calls, emails, texts) to persons now serving in areas of ministry. We can report 85% of those called have agreed to continue serving, leaving these nine ministry positions open: *Lay Leadership Committee – (two positions), Librarian, Lay Leader, Church Treasurer, Chair of Memorial Committee, Trustees Committee – (1 position), Chair of Endowment Fund Committee, Cemetery Committee Treasurer.* We are seeking names of nominees who are willing to contribute their gifts and talents to serve these areas of ministry.

We thank everyone who serves positions of ministry at Wesley church. As pastor, I want to highlight one position of vital importance – church treasurer. Laura Waltrup has been serving this position for the last 11 years. However, she will be stepping down as treasurer at the end of December. We thank her for the professionalism and faithfulness that she has shown in fulfilling this role. We are now searching for someone to be the next church treasurer. Laura has agreed to help this person in the transition. Her phone number is 410-961-8425.

If you have questions about the goals and responsibilities of all these open positions, please contact pastor Gary either by cell 410-963-8618 or email- pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org. or contact any member of the Lay Leadership Committee.

Committee on Lay Leadership: Chair: Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Class of 2023: Connie Wiegel, **Position Open**, John Sies
Class of 2024: Gladys Smith, Pat Daugherty, Jim Watkins
Class of 2025: **Position Open**, Charlotte Gyory, Jan Kurtz

*Together in Christ’s Ministry,
 Pastor Gary*



Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, November 12, 2022
From 12 PM until 3:30 PM

Each Meal Includes $\frac{1}{4}$ Fried Chicken (your choice of dark or white meat), Wesley's Famous Potato Salad, One Vegetable, and Bread and Butter

1 Meal.....\$15
Extra Fried Chicken Quarter.....\$5



- Pre-Ordering and Pre-Paying are Available!
- Electronic Payment Onsite Also Available
- Baked Goods will also be available for sale.

***** Pre-Order and Reserve Your Pickup Time*****

Call Jan Graf today at 1-443-677-3761

to place your order and reserve your pickup time.

The final day for pre-orders is November 7. Get your reservation in today!

You may also prepay in advance using a credit/debit card.

When you arrive at Wesley UMC, please remain in your car and follow the traffic pattern to have your order delivered to you.

*Proceeds from this drive-thru supper will benefit
Wesley United Methodist Church.*

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October Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

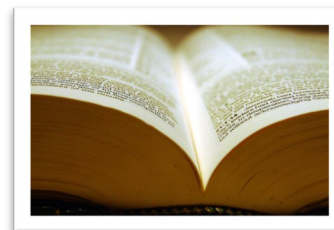
October 2 (World Communion Sunday): Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 9: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16 (Laity Sunday): Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30 (Reformation Sunday): Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



Charge Conference: November 1st, 2022, on Zoom



Please save the date to join your Wesley UMC Church family on our ZOOM Charge Conference call. The meeting, which will include some voting by Wesley UMC members, is scheduled for
November 1st, 2022

Forms for Charge Conference are due on or before October 1st. More information will be forthcoming. Please check your email from Wesley UMC for the details. Thank you!

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends"—Supports United Women in Faith



"Shop 'til you drop" on one day only, October 19, 2022, from 8 AM to 11 PM with a 25% off Shopping Pass to Boscov's! 100% of the \$5 cost of the coupons goes to Wesley's United Women in Faith. The pass entitles you to 25% off your in-store purchases (25% of the lowest sale price). You can also register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card (one winner per store)! See Connie Wiegel or another United Women in Faith member to get your coupon! *More details available at boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends.*

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!



Pray for Our College Students

If you have a student in college, whether it be far from home or attending a community college, please contact Vicky Wilmer at wilmervicky@gmail.com with their mailing address.

Wesley UMC would like to keep in contact with your student throughout the year. Also, if your student was on our list before, please contact Vicky to make sure that we have all of their updated information.

Operation Christmas Child 2022



There are three ways to participate in this year's Annual Outreach Christmas project:

1. You can take a shoebox and fill it as you have in years past. Empty shoeboxes will be ready for pickup at church on Sunday, Oct. 9 and should be returned to church by Sunday, Nov. 6. All directions will be inside each box. The shipping fee this year is \$10; if you are able, please place the money inside the box.
2. If you would like to contribute to the Outreach Committee, you may write a check directly to them. The Outreach Committee will use the money to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes and to help pay for postage of the boxes.
3. You can use the Operation Christmas Child online service to create a shoebox. Each online shoebox costs \$25. Follow directions at this website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Vicky Wilmer at 443-340-7703 or wilmervicky@gmail.com

You Are Invited... Food, Faith, and Family

Would you like a no-strings-attached invitation to join in a potluck? You've got it!



On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, the Small Group will meet for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. **If you would like to join us for dinner, just bring a dish to share (or even come as you are!)** It would be a great time to have a meal and friendly conversation!



After dinner, the small group will head to the Harrell Library to go through the 6-week study called, "Get Your Life Back: Everyday Practices for a World Gone Mad" by John Eldredge. Books and study guides are available from Jess Sichel (443-850-4274 or wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org). We will be studying chapters three and four next time we meet **on Monday, October 10th** (they are a quick read). **All are invited!**

Westminster Rescue Mission & Night-by-Night Homeless Shelter

At this time, the Westminster Rescue Mission has purchased the twin comforters it needs. Thank you for your donations!

The Mission continues to accept monetary donations towards bottled water. Please give your contributions to Vicky Wilmer, Janet Martin, or Jan Kurtz. You can also mail them to the church clearly labeled "Westminster Rescue Mission – Water." This will be an ongoing ministry/mission.

Outreach is also continuing to collect **donations of breakfast-to-go items for the Night-by-Night Shelter.** There is a box in the back of the sanctuary for your donations, which can include things like soft granola bars, fruit cups, mini muffins, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, pop tarts, etc. Shelter guests often do not have the opportunity for breakfast, and this will be an ongoing need. Thank you so much for your donations!

Outreach Soup Sale!



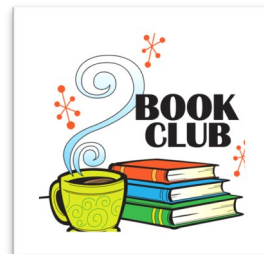
Sunday, November 6, 2022

The following is a list of soups that Outreach will be selling on November 6. **Pre-orders will begin October 9th**. Pre-order your selection by **October 30th** to Cindy Myatt at (410) 596-5391 or candcmyatt@gmail.com. Thanks!

- Beef Barley..... \$10
 - Chicken Spinach Tortellini \$10
 - Ham & Bean..... \$10
 - Potato & Ham Soup \$10
 - Butternut Squash..... \$10
 - Vegetable Beef \$10
 - Chicken Corn..... \$10
 - Shrimp Bisque \$12
- Rolls/Breads will be for sale, also.*

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! Contact Reenie Harris with questions at ichdeh@comcast.net or (410) 848-1121. Here are the next several **Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates**; all are welcome!



Meeting OCTOBER 27, 2022: A LIFE WITHOUT WATER by Marci Bolden

Meeting NOVEMBER 17, 2022 (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving): CLASSIFIED AS MURDERED by Miranda James (No. 2 in Cat-In-The-Stacks series)

Meeting DECEMBER 29, 2022: IRISH COUNTRY YULETIDE by Patrick Taylor

Meeting JANUARY 26, 2023: FINDING DOROTHY by Elizabeth Letts

Happy reading! Reenie Harris

The ACLB — Fourth Sundays



The After-Church Lunch Bunch (ACLB) is a group of church members and friends that meets on the **FOURTH SUNDAY** of each month at a local restaurant. **All are welcome!** The October ACLB luncheon will be on **Sunday, October 23rd**, at **Baughers Restaurant**, located at 289 W. Main Street in Westminster, Maryland, following the worship service.

Questions? Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121 or ichdeh@comcast.net.

Notes from the United Methodist Men...



The UMM met on September 19th with 9 in attendance. The evening included a meal, business meeting and devotion.

The UMM are planning pancake breakfasts on Sundays Oct 23rd and Dec 4th from 9:00am - 10:45am. A good will offering would be appreciated. Jess has been asked to add these dates to the Wesley calendar. Hopefully, we can get them into the bulletin in weeks prior to the events.

The planned discussion of the Passion Play by Jim Watkins did not happen. Unfortunately, Jim could not make the meeting and the DVD player could not be programmed to select English (there were no German translators in the group).

The next UMM meeting will be on Monday, October 17th, at 6:30pm. Dean Brewer will be speaking on abuse in public facilities (health facilities, prisons?).

Notes from the United Women in Faith: September 15, 2022

Our meeting started at 11:07am. 9 women were in attendance.

We started our meeting reciting our UWF purpose. There was no program for today due to our yearly planning efforts.

- Jackie will provide the Thank Offering program at our next UWF meeting in October, everyone to bring their annual Thank Offerings at that time.
- Connie read from the September/October 2022 Response Magazine/Women in Mission. The UWF President 'Anise 'Isama'u wrote with regards to the women's organization United Methodist Women name change to United Women of Faith. 'Anise 'Isama'u stated that for years, members and leaders communicated they were seeking ways to grow and invite new women to our organization. Surveys were conducted with Christian women both inside and outside our current church to see what they are seeking in the 21st century. The research showed our old name was keeping us from looking at the organization in new ways. Women felt not included or welcomed. Women felt that the organization needed to offer more and different ways to be a part of our sisterhood so that everyone could feel like they belong to this organization. With our new name, we open our arms wider and welcome even more sisters to our work together.
- June 2022 meeting minutes to reviewed, corrected and accepted by group and will be filed for future reference.
- The UWF August 2022 Treasurer's report was reviewed by the women and accepted. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Money was collected for the Boscov coupon Fundraiser; more coupons were given out.
- Prayer Calendar- no birthdays this month in the calendar were listed/reported. Reenie requested a current Prayer Calendar for UWF missionaries, deacons and staff; Linda Yost will take care to get.
- UWF will host the Bake table at the Fall Chicken Supper on November 12th. The UWF will purchase Chicken Dinners from the supper and provide 30 meals to the Westminster Rescue Mission as we did last year. The current mission needs for the recipients are blankets, single comforters, water bottles or gift cards to buy water bottles.
- Inclement weather: we discussed and agreed if there is bad weather on our scheduled meet dates, we will Zoom our UWF meetings from the comfort and safety of our homes in place of meeting at the church.
- December 15th: UWF will meet and enjoy a High Tea and Christmas gift exchange, weather permitting. Cindy Myatt has agreed to host this event at her new home this year.
- New fundraiser: UWF will host a fundraising luncheon on January 15th to serve the congregation after Sunday Church Services. The meal will cost \$12.00. We will host an Italian-themed meal serving Lasagna. Date may change due to inclement weather. Carry out meals will also be offered. If this goes well, the women will host a fundraiser meal on a quarterly basis.

Our business part of the meeting ended at 12:15pm. We shared lunch together. Joys, Cares and Concerns were shared. Prayers were lifted for family, friends, and our church family members.

Meeting minutes recorded by Brenda Hess

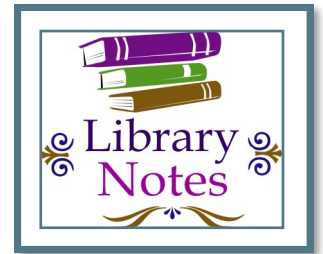
Christians are like pumpkins...



A 10-year-old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?" The girl replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

In what ways can we allow Him to change us? Here are some suggestions:

Outrageous Love Transforming Power by Terry Wardle (232.1) The seed of Christ's nature is present within every believer. We have the potential to become more and more like Jesus. This book surveys the life of Jesus to identify eight characteristics of Christ that are to be nourished and nurtured by the Holy Spirit in the believer's life. Being transformed into the likeness of Christ is the true mark of spiritual maturity.



Living a Blessed Life: Key Decisions That Create Genuine Joy by Joyce Meyer (Audio-Visual). Jesus is the answer to the life you've always wanted. He promises all believers that if we will simply take His keys to life and unlock the right doors, we will enjoy an active, blessed, endless life in the kingdom of God. So what are these Biblical keys to life? In this four-CD series, Joyce shares many life-changing principles, including: the best way to keep your priorities straight, how forgiving your enemies can transform your life, why we need to boldly stand up for our Christian beliefs, and the importance of being a person of your word.

Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado (232). Where did we get this idea that we can't change? From whence come statements such as, "It's just my nature to worry." "I'll always be pessimistic." "I'm just that way." Such thoughts are not from God. He can no more leave a life unchanged than a mother can leave a tear untouched. His plan for you is nothing short of a new heart. If you were a car, God would want to control your engine. If you were a computer, God would claim the software and the hard drive. If you were an airplane, he'd take his seat in the cockpit. But you are a person, so God wants to change your heart.

Take a Closer Look by Bryan McAnally (240) *Take a Closer Look* features a reader-friendly interactive design so you can quickly identify profound biblical truths—and apply them to your life. When you take a closer look, you see what you've been missing. And you are changed—heart, soul, and mind.

Guideposts for the Spirit: Stories of Changed Lives by Peggy Schaefer (920). These are warm and uplifting stories celebrating transformational moments in the lives of more than fifty celebrities. Some of the authors include Colin Powell, Reba McEntire, Carol Burnett, Diane Sawyer, Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, Jimmy Stewart, and Andy Griffith among many others.

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.

We are requesting that you do not send any more donations to our Harrell Library for the time being. We are trying to catch up on the processing of past donations and are a bit behind. As you know, Bonnie and Nan are asking for one or more people to take on the church library; so far we have not had any volunteers. **Unfortunately, we are going to have to step away from this journey and will be stopping on December 31st.** If you are interested in volunteering to take over the library, please contact Bonnie or Nan. Our email and contact numbers are in the church directory.

Thanks so much for your support!

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • September 14, 2022

Members Present: Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Michele Hudgins, Jan Kurtz, Connie Weigel, Cindy Myatt, and Dian Rowe

Treasurer's Report:

- Our bills are currently paid. We will be paying the rest of the mission donations for the year in October.
- Everyone needs to review the budget for next year and make recommendations for next year.

Meals:

- We continue to reach out to those in our congregation who need meals.
- Please contact Bonnie if you know of a need.

Church Picnic: Although the picnic was rained out, we were able to hold it in the fellowship hall. We had about 40 people in attendance. A great time was had by all. The chicken and the rest of the food was delicious.

Wesley Cupboard:

- Connie reported that many have been using the cupboard especially the paper products and personal products.
- Connie will also look in to having a sign made for our cupboard.

Soup Sale:

- Our Soup Sale will take place on November 6th.
- Contact Cindy Myatt if you are willing to make a soup.
- We will be taking orders ahead of time. Look for the order form in upcoming bulletins.

College Students: Vicky continues to gather addresses of our college students.

Operation Christmas Child:

- We will be filling Operation Christmas Child again this year.
- The cost of the postage has increased to \$10 this year. We will need help filling the boxes and help with the postage.

Cookie Walk: The Cookie Walk will take place on Dec 11th.

Christmas Caroling: Caroling will take place on Dec 4th.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

- Our Thanksgiving Food Drive for NESAP will take place from Nov. 6th – Nov. 20th.
- Cindy Myatt will be checking in with some families to see if they need help at Christmas.

Tea Fundraiser: The response for the Tea on October 15 from the car club has been slow. We will need to postpone until spring.

Meals for the Westminster Rescue Mission:

- Rescue Mission Meals for September will be coordinated by Jan. We will be serving meatloaf.



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- Connie and Vicky will coordinate the October meal.
- The Rescue Mission needs bottles of water. Money can be given to Janet, Jan or Vicky or cases can be dropped off to the Mission.

The Night-by-Night Shelter: The Night by Night Shelter still needs breakfast items to go.

Supporting Immigrants:

- Supplies to support immigrants were delivered.
- Jan beginning tutoring a student in Hampstead in English

New Business

- NESAP needs people to drive people to doctor's appointments. Janet will be looking for volunteers (jh1martin@comcast.net or 717-495-7013).
- Next Meeting: October 12th

Minutes Submitted by Vicky Wilmer

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • August 24, 2022

Attendees: Jan Kurtz (Chairperson), Pastor Gary Sheffield-James, Rev. Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Connie Wiegel, John Sies, Scott Palmer, Jennifer Ejek, Lee Ann Crochunis, Denny Rill, Laura Waltrup, Brenda Kennedy, and Reenie Harris.

Meeting opened at 6:59 PM with prayer by Pastor Gary.

SPRC

- No July Meeting
- No August Meeting; will meet August 28, 2022, after church that Sunday. SPRC will begin a discussion on dis-affiliation/protocol issues and presenting the information to the congregation.
- Staff Evaluations are coming up.

Trustees

- Our roof over the Education Wing was estimated to be replaced at a cost of \$47,200; however, Curtis Bosley (nephew of Lisa Kemp) thought insurance would cover the cost. Curtis would be the roofer and would negotiate with the insurance. In Maryland, if one part has an issue that needs repair, the rest all has to match (over the kitchen, as well.) Everything asphalt is getting replaced. This is a nice surprise [Thank you, God!]
- The parsonage is slowly getting up to date. Lowe's was terrible for flooring and alternate flooring will be put in. The painting is done, the copper pipes need to be replaced, and the ceiling needs to be done.
- There are two air conditioning units in the back of the church in the ceiling; one must be replaced. Both are 20 years old. The other unit can cool sanctuary okay for now. A new unit will need to be purchased in Winter or Spring. Carroll Harris is no longer doing as much HVAC work, so will not be our contact moving forward after Autumn. We need to work on getting a price and getting it into our budget. As budget prep is soon, quotes would be helpful.
- A question was raised by John Sies about security at the pavilion which is being offered to the public; the original

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decision by Ad. Council include surveillance. At this time, we are waiting for a quote on Sanctuary and Pavilion security cameras by the same folks who put in our other surveillance.

United Women in Faith (UWF): Connie Wiegel is the President

- The UWF put 50 hygiene bags together over the summer.
- The next meeting is 9/15/22 at 11 AM. Regular meetings will be on the third Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited.
- Boscov's coupons are being sold for \$5 (fully profit); they are for 25% off many items at any Boscov's on 10/19/22. Check with Betty Barr for more details/to obtain coupons.

Christian Education

- Sunday School begins on September 11, 2022 (church picnic afterward.)
- There will be a meeting of the teachers on Monday, August 29, 2022.
- There will be two teachers for every class plus 7th-12th grade class.
- There will be some whole Group Activities again this year.
- Discussion was held about the dates for the Christmas Pageant and the Cantata. The Christmas Pageant should be on December 18, 2022.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

- The next meeting is September 19, 2022.
- All men are invited (free food!)

Outreach

- Outreach has a good amount in the treasury. They have given \$500 for a Christian summer camp, and they have paid their quarterly donations.
- NESAP Back-to-School program—29 kids served.
- The Soup and Bread Sale will be on November 6th, 2022.
- Outreach will need help with chairs and tables at the September 11th picnic. Outreach is providing fried chicken, and attendees are bringing sides and desserts.
- Operation Christmas Child: Brenda may not be able to serve as coordinator for this fundraiser, but it will be held.
- October 15th, there will be a Tea fundraiser for the women associated with Gary Wilmer's car group. The cost will be \$30 for "high tea" in the Fellowship Hall.

Treasurer: Laura does not have prepared reports; however, there is enough cash in the general fund to pay the bills—our bills, the employees, and our taxes are paid. Laura is working on reporting.

Worship: Pastor Gary

- The Worship Committee discussed the year.
- We will continue our masking policy.
- We will stay with "C cups" - communion cups. Sometimes, it is not clear in the service when to take the wafer and cup; Pastor Gary will help clarify that.
- World Communion Sunday is October 2, 2022.
- All Saint's Sunday is November 6, 2022.
- The altar guild will work on the Thanksgiving display.
- Live Nativity: a discussion with Christian Education will need to be held.
- Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year. We will be having a service of carols.
- Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 PM and 11 PM.

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Visitation: Reenie Harris

- Meets the first Wednesday.
- Betsy and the Committee have been sending cards and making calls.
- Dot Benedict had a fall; hoping for good test results.
- Bonnie and Earl Christiani received communion; Peggy Dovell cancelled the meeting with visitation.

GriefShare: Reenie Harris

- Will have 14 sessions including the "Surviving the Holidays" special session.
- The leadership is advertising GriefShare now; the sessions start on September 6th and go into December.
- The group has been meeting since 2016. The attendees are not just church members.
- A question was raised about sending flyers to other churches? This is not usually done; instead, the leadership concentrates on advertising at funeral homes, doctors' offices, restaurants, the Senior Center, with friends, and so forth.

Book Club: Reenie Harris

- The Club meets tomorrow and will be discussing "The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg. All men and women are welcome! The meeting will be at MJs Café and Baking Company in Manchester.

The After-Church Lunch Bunch (ACLB): Reenie Harris

- The group will next meet at Greenmount Station [all are welcome to gather with the group on the fourth Sunday of the month].

Lay Leadership: Pastor Gary

- The first ZOOM meeting will be on Tuesday night, August 30th.
- The committee is currently making sixty-four phone calls.
- Positions that are known to be needed at this time: Lay Leader, Church Treasurer, Lay Member to Annual Conference, and Chair of the Memorial Committee

Pastor's Report: Pastor Gary

- Thanks for Wesley's warm welcome for Laurie and me.
- Pastor Gary is conducting one-on-one and group meetings.
- The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022.
- Pastor Gary and Laurie are taking a vacation to New Zealand and Australia; they will be unavailable October 7th through October 31st. Pulpit supply will be needed for October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.
- Pastor Gary will also be gone Saturday, November 19th, through Saturday, November 26th, with pulpit supply needed November 20th, and Monday, December 26th, through Monday, January 2nd, with pulpit supply needed January 1st.
- Our Charge Conference Date is to be announced.

Commissioned Deacon's Report: Rev. Matt

- Matt is considering preaching a sermon series in Pastor Gary's absence.
- Matt has compulsory/mandatory reporting that needs to be done in September with London School of Theology [a college within Middlesex University.]
- He needs to report to his mentor at Asbury Theological Seminary, who has been on sabbatical for eight months; the mentor didn't necessarily know that she was to be mentoring Matt while on sabbatical.
- Matt send an email to his Sunday School group about a book he might like to do in class; he is waiting for replies.

Closed in Prayer at 8 PM by Rev. Matt Sichel.

Respectfully Submitted by Jess Sichel, Recording Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Traditional Worship	3 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	4 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:30 to	5 Office Open 12 to 2 PM Visitation Committee at J&Ps Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	6 Chancel Choir 7 PM	7 Office Open 12 to 2 PM	8 Eagle Scout Court of Honor 2 to 5 PM; Fellowship Hall & Church Reserved
9 Regular Worship Schedule Fellowship Hall Reserved following Worship 12 to 5 PM	10 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	11 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	12 Office Open 12 to 2 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	13 Chancel Choir 7 PM	14 Office Open 12 to 2 PM	15 November Journal Submissions Due!
16 Regular Worship Schedule	17 UMM in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM	18 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	19 Office Open 12 to 2 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	20 UWF Meeting in Fellowship Hall 11 AM Chancel Choir 7 PM	21 Office Open 12 to 2 PM	22 Charge Conference Forms Due!!
23 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser! 9 to 10:45 AM in Kitchen & Hall Regular Worship Schedule (Contemporary) Fall Harvest Combined Sunday School Program After-Church Lunch Bunch at Baugher's following Worship	24 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	25 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	26 Office Open 12 to 2 PM Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	27 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM	28 Office Open 12 to 2 PM	29
30 Regular Worship Schedule	31	November 1 Charge Conference on Zoom		Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Worship Service	The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to be in person. Visit our website to view the current service.	



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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 October:

October 2: Greeters—Vicky & Gary Wilmer, Dave & Michelle Hudgins, Liturgist—Rev. Matt Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels/Matt Otwell; Music—The Chancel Choir and Jeff Horner

October 9: Greeters—United Women in Faith, Liturgist—Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels; Music—Jeff Horner

October 16: Greeters—Dean & Roxane Brewer, Mike & Lee Ann Crochunis, Liturgist—John Sies, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Team—The Sichels, Music—The Chancel Choir and Jeff Horner

October 23: Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Praise Team Leader—Lisa Kemp, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Volunteer—TBD

October 30: Greeters—UMM, Liturgist—Jess Sichel, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Volunteer—TBD, Music—Jeff Horner

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