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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...

It is amazing how fast we have moved into a New Year. And the older I get, the years seem to move faster and faster. Only a month into 2023, Wesley finds itself facing challenges that call for response; while also knowing that challenges open up opportunities for us to grow.

The Church of Jesus Christ has never been exempt from facing challenges. Challenges provide us opportunities to gain experience. And this brings me to the area of seeking opportunities to grow.

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As we have move into the last few days of **Epiphany** and move toward the season of **Lent and Easter**, I am reminded of the importance of growing in our faith and deepening our spirituality. Luke’s Gospel tells of the time when Mary and Joseph are leaving the city of Jerusa-

lem. At some point they realize that Jesus is not part of their caravan. In their anxious search, they go back to Jerusalem and find their twelve-year-old son, Jesus, is in the temple with the religious leaders listening and asking questions. Afterwards, Jesus leaves with his parents, and as Luke tells us, he *“increases in wisdom and in stature.”*

Growing and developing in faith is a life-long journey. I once had a placard on my office door with the words of Michelangelo inscribed across the front, *“I am still learning.”* I am well aware of how much I don’t know or even understand concerning the deep mysteries of faith. I am learning that faith is both a head and heart matter. Simple knowledge and facts alone do not constitute faith. If that were the case, the computer on my desk would be the most faithful instrument in the world. As someone once said, *“Computers give answers; they don’t ask questions.”* Computers are hardly instruments of conversation and dialogue.

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Funeral Arrangements for Deanna Sies

Mrs. Deanna Sies, wife to John Sies and mother to Dean Sies, passed away November 23, 2022.

A Funeral Service will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church on February 11, 2023, at 11 AM, with a time of visitation beforehand at 10 AM and a funeral luncheon in the fellowship hall following.





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| 1 Heather Sater | 14 Cherie Hughes |
| 2 Asher Zilberman | Jason Martin |
| 3 Megan Myatt | Heather Schaefer |
| 4 Dan Graf | Mason Waltrup |
| 5 Alayna Mahosky | 16 Sterling Davis, III |
| 6 Amanda (Hughes) Hannon | Trisha Sater |
| 7 Jennifer Ejk | 18 Gladys Smith |
| 9 Hayden Schaefer | 22 Bryce Davey |
| 11 Dan Baumiller, Jr. Tyler Rill | 23 Jeff Graf |
| | 28 Lana Montgomery |



Correction: Earl & Bonnie Christiani's anniversary is on January 20th. Happy belated anniversary!

- 1 Dennis & Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill
- 4 Dean & Roxane Brewer
- 11 Ben & Carolyn (Graf) Whetsell
- 29 John & Stephanie Halley

Celebration and Prayers

Pastor Gary Sheffield-James and his wife, Laurie, became the proud and loving grandparents of Colton Lee Sheffield-James. Colton was born to Andy and Karlie Sheffield-James on January 20th, 2022. Prayers for Colton and his family as he has transferred to Hopkins' NICU.



Our Condolences...

We offer our deep condolences to the friends and family of Philip Schubert on his unexpected passing on January 12, 2023. Philip has many family members who have been or are connected to Wesley UMC, including his mother, Deb. May God hold you close as you mourn Philip's passing and celebrate the good memories you made with him.



Changes of Address...

Cindy & Clay Myatt: 16 Lookout Court, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Davona & Scott Palmer: 215 Rose Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157
Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell (as of 3/1/23): 1725 Forest Glen Dr., Prince Frederick, MD 20678;
 Phone: (301) 742-7401 (if no answer, please leave a message); Email: sharrell25@gmail.com

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

**Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-
and Denny Rill**
 3674 Stewartstown Rd.
 Stewartstown, PA 17363

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

Jean Colton
 Longview Nursing Home
 Room 214B
 3332 Main St.
 Manchester, MD 21102



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

Dot Benedict
 Longview Nursing Home
 Room TBD
 3332 Main St.
 Manchester, MD 21102

Shirley Rytel
 Manor Care Health Services
 Kingston Court
 2400 Kingston Court, Room 106
 York, PA 17402



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



"Thank You"s from the Westminster Rescue Mission for the use of the church as a retreat location:

Thank you Wesley Church for everything you did that allowed us to come together in community & worship to connect as a group and look to God for guidance in how we can better serve him in all that we do.

Thank you, Ryan

Thank you Wesley. The space was perfect for the Mission Retreat.

Madelin

Thank you so much for your hospitality! We appreciate it so much!

Jaime

Dear Wesley, Thank you for supporting the Mission!

Sara

Wesley UMC, Thank you for hosting us at your beautiful church!
We had an amazing time and the breakfast was delicious.

Alyssa

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I would like to extend my heart-felt thanks to Wesley Church for your monetary gift at Christmas time. I enjoy serving here at Wesley and getting to know the faithful and committed people of this congregation. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Pastor Gary

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Wesley Outreach; "THANK YOU"

Thank you for the gifts for Austin and his family. The kids were thrilled with their gifts. You were very generous and we appreciate all that you did to make them feel special during this difficult time.

God Bless, The Maloney Family

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Dear Friends,

As we provide food to families, a pastor brings a biblical teaching to those receiving the food. Our desire is that people will trust in Jesus as their savior. Paul teaches that, in doing so, they will "...overflow with hope by the power of the holy Spirit." What wonderful news that is for people in such need of hope!

Thank you for supporting our work in the Dominican Republic with your recent gift! Elderly couples, widows & widowers, and families with young children are hearing of the peace, joy, and hope that Jesus offers, as well as receiving nourishing food to sustain them physically because of your generosity.

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

[P.S.] Thank you for this generous gift from your church family! God bless each of you in this new year!

"From the Desk of the Pastor" Continued from Page 1...

As pastor of Wesley, I am excited to invite you to participate in a journey this Lenten/Easter season on the theme - "The Tables of Lent and Easter". (The worship schedule detailing this journey is included in this edition of the Wesley Journal.)

I hope we enter 2023 prayerfully and with a sense of humility. I will end my comments with this Kenyan prayer:

*"For the cowardice that dares not face new truth,
From the laziness that is content with half-truth,
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
Good Lord, deliver me. Amen."*

Grace & Peace, Gary

2023 Sermon Series - The Tables of Lent/Easter

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent – "An Interrupted Table" Luke 7:36-50

Theme: (Woman anoints Jesus' feet while he is at dinner)

March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent – "A Testing Table" Luke 14:1-14

Theme: (Our hospitality reveals our values: whom do we honor? . . . those on the margins, etc.)

March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent – "A Timely Table" Luke 14:15-24

Theme: (Dinner Party in the Kingdom of God: the honored guests are those who show up as soon as they are invited)

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – "A Table of Forgiveness" Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Theme: (Jesus denounced for eating with sinners, tells the parable of the prodigal)

March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent – "A Wide Table" Acts 11:1-18

Theme: (Peter's vision to include Gentiles – getting past cultural/religious trappings of 'clean vs. unclean')

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday – "A Turned Table" Matthew 21:1-17 — Choral Cantata at 11 AM

Theme: (Jesus' triumphant entry and turning over tables in the temple)

April 6, 2023 – Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday – "A Borrowed Table" Luke 22:7-23

Theme: (Institution of the Lord's Supper . . .)

April 7-8, 2023 – Good Friday and Holy Saturday – "Stations of the Cross" in the Sanctuary

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday – "An Easter Table" Luke 24:1-35 — 7 AM Worship (Church Pavilion), Potluck Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 11 AM Worship

Theme: (The risen Jesus breaks bread with disciples and they recognize him.)



CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Disaffiliation Vote

After many years of education and conversation, the time and circumstances surrounding the struggles of the United Methodist Church have brought forth a Church Conference called by the Administrative Council. This is in direct relation to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, paragraph 2553. In paragraph 2553, it is stated that, "...a local church shall have a limited right, under the provisions of this paragraph, to disaffiliate from the denomination for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the *Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow."

At the Church Conference, which will be held on **March 11, 2023, at 1 PM in the Wesley UMC Sanctuary, there will be a **Congregational Vote**:**

"Yes" to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church
OR
"No" to Remain with the United Methodist Church.

This vote will be **IN PERSON and will consist only of **FULL MEMBERS of Wesley UMC** (a list of Full Members of Wesley UMC is posted on the large closet doors of the church office).**

The conference will be presided over by the Baltimore Suburban District Superintendent, the **Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade**. There will be a presentation prior to the vote.

A "snow date" has been set for the following Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 1 PM. **More information to follow.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper / Ash Wednesday Worship Service



The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is being held on **February 21, 2023, from 5 to 7 PM at Wesley!**

Come out and have breakfast for dinner while supporting the missions work of the United Methodist Men with a free will offering.

Then, come back the next evening for the **Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.**

Let's join together as the season of Lent, a time of reflection, discipleship growth, and walking the path to the cross, begins.



The Troop 380 Auction: Donations are Being Accepted



Wesley's Scout Troop (Troop 380) is having its annual auction on: **Saturday, May 6, 2023!**

The Troop is seeking good condition or better family treasures and used items that you might like to donate (no upholstered items, please!)

If you would like to coordinate a pick-up for heavy items, please email or call Bob Frey at bob.frey@exitresults.com or (410) 960-9555.

Thank you for your support!

NESAP Needs



Let's help keep the NESAP Food Pantry stocked!

If you have the resources to help, the NESAP pantry receives donations Monday through Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Hampstead location at 1046 S. Carroll Street (or you can place them in Wesley's collection box by the Fellowship Hall). PLEASE SHARE. God Bless and Thank You.

Items needed (in date/not expired) OR DONATION OF GIFT CARD:

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|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Instant Potatoes | Jell-O | Pudding | Stuffing | Ramen Noodles |
| Canned Potatoes | Breakfast Bars | Juice/Other Drinks | Pasta Sides | Jelly |
| Canned Chicken | Other Meats | Mixed Vegetables | Helper | Soup |
| Canned Fruit | Applesauce | Brownie Mix | Shampoo | Dish Detergent |
| Diapers (Size 4, 5, & 6) | Paper Towels | Laundry Detergent | | |

BSA Troop 380

36TH Live Benefit Auction

Snyder's Auction House

Saturday, May 6, 2023

9 am to 5 pm

Downtown Hampstead, MD
Right off Main Street, on Mott Avenue



**AWESOME DEALS
ALL DAY LONG!!!!**

EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!

Including:

- Business Gift Cards
- Wine Tastings
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Weekend Getaways
- Tools
- Small Household Appliances
- Home Décor
- Sports Memorabilia
- & More



For more information on specific items available at the auction, or to donate items, check out our website:

www.troop380hampstead.wordpress.com

or

please email us at: troop380auction@gmail.com

Lunch, Homemade Snacks, & Drinks are available throughout the Day

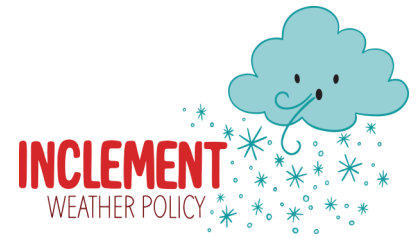
**SPECIAL
GIVEAWAYS
HAPPENING
DURING THE DAY!**



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!



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.

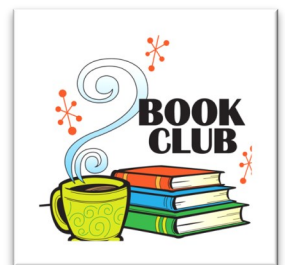
Here are the next **Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates; all are welcome!**

Meeting FEBRUARY 23, 2023: THE INN AT OCEAN'S EDGE by Colleen Coble

Meeting MARCH 23, 2023: FILE M FOR MURDER by Miranda James (Cat in the Stacks, #3)

Meeting APRIL 27, 2023: LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY by Bonnie Garmus

Happy reading! Reenie Harris  



A Message from Alpha Pregnancy Center: Needs

Dear Friends,

We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for our ministry. God blessed us in so many ways through your hands in 2022. Your prayers and support enabled us to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our moms and their precious babies. We hope that you and yours had a Very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year!

Below you will find links for our Walmart and Amazon wish lists. We are especially low on Similac Sensitive Formula (orange can), bibs, rattles/teethers, 2T-4T socks, and large size winter clothing.

We are always so grateful for your partnership with Alpha and we pray that you are blessed beyond measure for all that you do for our precious Alpha families.



In Him, Janice for Alpha

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/2f3d303a-83d2-413f-8132-b62d4c7d1dbd>

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2KJGV4T7L3VoV/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

The Westminster Rescue Mission Could Use Some Extra Help!



The weekend of Christmas 2022 found our area in bitter cold temperatures. Those low temperatures caused the sprinkler pipe in the kitchen ceiling of Westminster Rescue Mission to spring a leak. On Christmas Day the pipe burst and caused major flooding in the kitchen, dining area and down the hall to the lower pantry. The water also damaged some of the appliances in the kitchen as well. Floors and ceilings will need to be replaced as well as tables and chairs in the dining area. The repairs will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

The clients have been able to use the small kitchen in the Sparrow's Nest to reheat and warm meals, but it is difficult to cook for 25-30 people in that small space. We at Wesley are stepping up to help the Mission in their time of need. The United Women in Faith took over a meal of chili and the fixings on January 10th and members of the Outreach committee [took] a meal over on January 16.

We would like to provide two meals for the Rescue Mission in February also. Below you will find the things that we will need **donated on Tuesday, February 21st**.

Muffins- blueberry, banana, chocolate chip, etc.
Fresh fruit – oranges, bananas, grapefruit, grapes
Orange Juice – 2 gallons
Milk – 2 gallons

If you can donate any of these things, please let Janet Martin know. These items should be dropped off at Janet's home.

As always you can donate money to Wesley Outreach to help offset the cost of these meals or you can also donate directly to the Westminster Rescue Mission.

Westminster Rescue Mission & Night-by-Night Homeless Shelter



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!

Corrections/Updates from Previous Publication

Hello! Please note the following changes from the Lay Leadership Development Report for 2023 that was printed in the January 2023 issue of The Wesley Journal:



Treasurer: Laura Waltrup will continue on as Treasurer for the time being, given that a bookkeeper be hired to assist with the duties.

Trustees: Roger Daugherty is the new Chairperson of Trustees. Dean Brewer is the Vice-Chair, and Lee Ann Crochunis is the Secretary.

Education Committee: Bonnie Catron was erroneously listed as being on the Education Committee; she is not teaching at this time.

Memorial Committee: Brenda and Gordon Benson are no longer on the Memorials Committee.

Worship Committee: Jen Ejek has been added as a Christian Education Liaison.

February Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

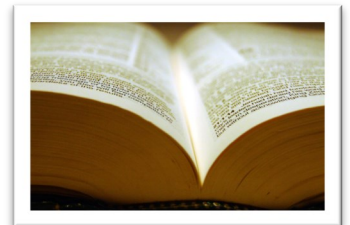
February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 (Scouting Sunday): Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 (Transfiguration Sunday): Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 22 (Ash Wednesday): Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



Current COVID-19 Guidelines...



At this time, the community level for Carroll County is **"MEDIUM,"** 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!

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

JOHN 3:16-17

DID YOU KNOW?

The various displays of artificial violets on the shelves in the Harrell Library are in memory and honor of Lucy Harrell. Lucy loved violets and had a beautiful collection in her home.

COFFEE TABLE READS FOR FEBRUARY, 2023

THE HOLY BIBLE - THE LIVING WORD - GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR US TO FOLLOW

I started my Library Tour by looking to the right upon entering the room. There behind the entry door is a book shelf devoted to Bibles. There is **THE QUEST BIBLE**; **NEW BELIEVERS BIBLE** - 1st Steps for New Christians; **NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**; **GOOD NEWS** - Today's English Version; **NEW KING JAMES VERSION** by Charles Stanley; **THE LIVING BIBLE PARAPHRASED**; **THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE** with the Apocrypha; **APPLICATION STUDY BIBLE** - NIV; **KING JAMES STUDY BIBLE KJV**; and several series of **THE BIBLE TO GO** - Audio -Visual.

I'm not going to put all of these copies of GOD'S BREATHED WORD on the "Coffee Table" and I know you probably have your favorite, well-used/read version of your own at home on your own coffee table, but should you want to check out a variation, our church library can certainly offer you a wonderful selection from which to choose. Come in, rest, and read some scripture.

What does it mean to say that the Bible is inerrant? To say that the Bible is inerrant means that every chapter, verse and word contained within the Bible is perfect. It means that we can fully trust what the Bible says to be the truth and to contain no errors. If we accept the Bible to be inerrant, we must also accept it to be authoritative in the areas of which it speaks. In other words, if we believe that the Bible is inerrant (and the Bible itself claims to be so), then we must obey what it says as a whole or reject what it says as a whole. We can't pick and choose which parts we agree with. To say that the words of the Bible are inerrant does not mean that our interpretation of those words is also inerrant. In other words, the original text of God's inspired Word is inerrant, but our opinions are not.

INSPIRATIONAL ROMANCE READER - Four Complete Novels in One Volume

- * *River of Peace* by Janelle Burnham
 - * *Morning Mountain* by Peggy Darty
 - * *Love's Shining Hope* by JoAnn A. Grote
 - * *Heaven of Peace* by Carol Mason Parker
- Meet four strong and faithful women whose lives are touched by love.

MAKING LOVE LAST A LIFETIME by Adam Hamilton

In this thoughtful, inspiring book, Adam Hamilton offers some keys to helping you develop a healthy, satisfying and successful marriage. He draws on insights from surveys of over two thousand single and married persons, from experiences shared by couples he interviewed, from reflections based on fifteen years of counseling individuals and couples, and from his own experiences in marriage. Most importantly, he draws on insights from the Bible to help you make love last a lifetime. Marriage is not simply the next step after falling in love. Marriage is a calling from God, a lifelong mission of service and caring and ministry to another human being - seeking to be, on God's behalf, a companion and helper to another.

SIGNING OUT AND RETURNING A BOOK

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 with the **Author's last name**. When you return a book, retrieve the card from the yellow box, put the return date on the card and place back in the pocket in the back of the book. Returned books can be placed on the shelf beside the yellow box or on the desk. The Librarian will re-shelve them. Please return borrowed items within 6 months.

GriefShare Session Beginning February 28 • 6:30 to 8:30 PM



It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

The next session of GriefShare at Wesley UMC will begin on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Harrell Library** and continue on through May 23, 2023. **ALL** are welcome to come and follow along this journey from mourning into joy! For questions, contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121.

United Women in Faith Meeting Minutes

The UWF met on January 19th, 2023, at 11:00am in the Wesley Fellowship Hall.

Our meeting started with the UWF purpose.

Response Moment—delivered by Connie Weigel

The article was taken for the Nov/Dec 2022 edition of the UWF Response Magazine. The topic was written by Christi Campos a Deaconess and executive for development and donor relations for UWF.

Program—delivered by Connie Weigel

The article was taken from the UWF Program book- Healing and Joy/On Our Journey To God 2021-2022 edition titled "The Land Shall Observe a Sabbath" based on Leviticus 25:1-7.

Meeting minutes from November 2022 were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurers Report —Budget for 2023 reviewed, used 2022 budget as a template, discussed changes, made updates and deletions. Changes made were accepted by the group.

Prayer Calendar—Rennie Harris to send birthday cards out to UWF staff, deaconess, etc. listed in Prayer Calendar every month.

Correspondence—none

Business:

- Westminster Men's Rescue Mission- discussed dinners to be provided for the mission. UWF will provide donations for meals to be purchased by Mission staff for men residing in the mission.
- Italian Luncheon: February 26th - Eat in or carry out after church worship service. Baked ziti, salad, Italian bread, and dessert will be served. Cost
- Save the Children Mission cancelled.

New business—no new business

Our next meeting will be on March 16th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Women enjoyed lunch and fellowship after meeting.

Meeting minutes submitted by Brenda Hess.

Food Giveaway Finksburg: Westminster Rescue Mission

What: We will be providing meat, dry and canned goods, and more!

When: 3rd Thursday each month from 5—6 PM.
Upcoming giveaways include 2/16, 3/16, and 4/20.

Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church
2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg

RSVP: Please RSVP to the email below with how many adults and children you will be picking up for so we know how much food to bring.

Note: Food is distributed in a drive-thru format.

For more information, call (410) 848-2222 ext. 130, text (443) 547-8055 or email Mcrull@wesminsterrescuemission.org.



United Methodist Men's Minutes

Thanks Gary, Randy & Jeff for providing supper.

Well wishes to Jeff and best wishes to Stanley.

Business:

- Checking balance at \$871
- Next meeting: February 20 at 6:30 PM. Entrée: Denny; Salad: John Sies; Dessert/Drink: Randy; Devotion: Jonathan Yost; Speaker: NEED. *If you can offer a program, or know somebody that can, please let me know.*
- March: Jim Watkins— Making of the Passion Play (redo in English)
- April and on: Need Speakers
- Agreed to host the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 21 from 5-7pm. Will need help starting 4:15 and through clean-up.
 - Pancake mix & sausage - Dave
 - Blueberries - John S
 - Milk & apple Juice - Gary
 - Griddle & electric fry pan - Denny
 - Extra griddle - Dave
 - Apple butter - Randy, talk to Jan

Outreach: UMM agreed we'd like to make a donation to the Westminster Rescue Mission toward completion of the John Martin Conference Room. Further, look at donation toward meal as the mission lost its kitchen to flood and has yet to recover.

Devotion (self): Coke or Pepsi? How we discern based on our bias and discrimination. We are made in God's image and all are unique and loved by God. Reflecting with the decision ahead, choose with your heart and your head. Romans 5 1-5.

Frank presented some information from **Pastor Joe DiPaolo's discussion on GMC**. The meeting concluded with a lively discussion.



Outreach Minutes • January 11, 2023

Members present: Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Michele Hudgins, Jan Kurtz, Connie Wiegel, Cindy Myatt, Norma Beam, Pastor Gary

Treasurer's Report: Our first quarter mission payments have been made.

Meals: Dot and Rev. Amy are currently receiving meals.

College Students: We will send gift cards out to the college students in March.

Soup Sales: Cindy is taking orders for the following soups:

- Md crab soup
- Cream of Broccoli
- Butternut Squash
- Ham and Bean
- Chicken Corn
- Stuffed Pepper
- Beef vegetable
- Chicken Noodle Vegetable

Christmas Families: Cindy reported that all the families were very grateful for the generosity of the Wesley congregation and the Boy Scouts.

Rescue Mission Meals: We will provide a meal for the Mission on January 16th.

- Vicky is coordinating meal for Rescue Mission.
- Michelle is bringing Mac and cheese.
- Jan and Vicky will provide sloppy Joes.
- Vicky will also provide fruit salad.
- Cindy will make brownies.
- Janet will get rolls.

February 21st: Janet coordinating. Breakfast Casserole:

- Jan—Ham
- Michelle—Vegetable
- Cindy—Sausage
- Muffins, Fruit, OJ, from Congregation
- Monetary donations from Congregation can be made to Wesley Outreach or made directly to Westminster Rescue Mission.

Alpha Bottles—Jan will contact Bonnie

Easter Baskets—We will supply the list. People will purchase basket and fill

Night by Night Shelter—Janet, Applesauce in cups available from church. They continue to need breakfast-to-go items.


Pantry—Connie People have been filling it up. It has been a wonderful outreach to the community

New Business

- 1-Suits for Success — Jan checking into this
- Next Meeting February 8th— ZOOM meeting at 6pm

FEBRUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Regular Worship Schedule:</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to be in person. Visit our website to view the current service.</p>		<p>¹ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM Visitation at J&Ps Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>² Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>³ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM</p>	<p>⁴ Presentation by Rev. Gary Sheffield-James on the Importance of Staying In the UMC, 1 to 3 PM (recording available upon request)</p>
<p>⁵ Regular Worship Schedule Fellowship Hall Reserved (Palmer)</p>	<p>⁶</p>	<p>⁷ Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8 PM</p>	<p>⁸ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>⁹ Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>¹⁰ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM</p>	<p>¹¹ Funeral for Deanna Sies: 10 AM Visitation 11 AM Service (Luncheon Following)</p>
<p>¹² Regular Worship Schedule</p>	<p>¹³ Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM</p>	<p>¹⁴ </p>	<p>¹⁵ February Journal Submissions Due! Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>¹⁶ UWF Meeting 11 AM in Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>¹⁷ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM</p>	<p>¹⁸</p>
<p>¹⁹ Regular Worship Schedule— Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>²⁰ UMM Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>²¹ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 to 7 PM Administrative Council 7 PM</p>	<p>²² Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>²³ Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>²⁴ Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM</p>	<p>²⁵ Hall and Kitchen Reserved</p>
<p>²⁶ Regular Worship Schedule UWF Italian Luncheon: Carryout or Eat In</p>	<p>²⁷ Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM</p>	<p>²⁸ GriefShare in Harrell Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>				

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Worship Participants for January 2023:

February 5: Greeters—Jackie & Frank Grabowski, Liturgist—Rev. Matthew Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels, Music—Organist Jeff Horner, & The Chancel Choir, Directed by Jan Graf

February 12: Greeters—Troop 380 Scouts, Liturgist—Troop 380 Scouts, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Team—The Sichels, Organist—Jeff Horner

February 19: Greeters—Bonnie Catron and Reenie Harris, Liturgist—Laura Waltrup, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels, Music—Organist Jeff Horner, & The Chancel Choir, Directed by Jan Graf

February 22 (Ash Wednesday): Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Music—Organist Jeff Horner, Liturgist—Jess Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Volunteer—The Sichels

February 26: Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Music—Wesley UMC Praise Team, Praise Team Leader—Lisa Kemp, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Volunteer—Matt Otwell

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