



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:

Summer is drawing near, temperatures are rising, and outdoor activities are again claiming our attention. We anticipate summertime because the season allows us to experience the wonders of nature and plant our hands in the fresh sod as we tend our gardens. It is a welcome change from the winter months which have confined our movements within the walls of our abode.

Yet as the temperatures rise, my hope and prayer is that we do not let our spiritual and religious commitments cool off. As pastor of thirty-nine years, my observation is that the summer months are typically characterized by lower attendance at worship and a decrease in the amount of giving. This trend usually means a dramatic drop in church finances for the third quarter. Often this causes some level of anxiety for members of the Finance Committee.

“At 211 degrees, water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water comes steam. And steam can power a locomotive.”

I am praying that each of us will have a summer that renews our energies and offers us a time of re-creation. As you travel, I encourage you to visit other churches and I welcome any worship bulletins you might collect during your visits to other places of worship.

Remember – a long, hot summer does not have to mean a drought in our faith commitments. You and I can use the metaphor “*long, hot summer*” to inspire our level of commitment to Christ and the ministries to which we have been called. A few years ago, a member of the congregation I was serving gave me a small book to read entitled: **212 – the extra degree**. The basic thesis of book is this:

At 211 degrees, water is hot.
At 212 degrees, it boils.
And with boiling water comes steam.
And steam can power a locomotive.

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Worship Services start at 10 AM
beginning June 4th!

New Address, New Home

A dear friend of the congregation, Pastor Frank Richardson, has moved. His new address is:

The Rev. Dr. Frank Richardson
525 Fishers Road
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Drop him a line to help him feel
welcome in his new home!

★ Welcome Home ★



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| 1 Jack Baumiller | 18 Frank Grabowski |
| Carolyn Graf Whetsell | 19 Reed Zilberman |
| 2 Michelle Hudgins | 21 Caitlin Insley |
| 3 Kyle Graf | Jackie Otwell |
| 6 Jayden Hughes | 22 Andrew Wilmer |
| 7 Molly Rill | Todd Wilmer |
| Pastor Gary Sheffield-James | 23 Chris Weaver |
| 9 Madilyn Baumiller | 25 Clay Myatt, III |
| 10 Spencer Kuhn | Carl Rill |
| Lisa Martin | Jim Rill |
| 11 Steven Beam | 26 Matt Otwell |
| Ashley (DeVilbiss) Jansson | 29 Brandon Mahosky |
| 12 Jana Zachman | 30 Curtis Gore |
| 15 Joshua Wiedefeld-Lehigh | Tim Pfoutz |
| 17 Belinda Rill | Douglas A. Rill |

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| 2 Dave & Michelle Hudgins |
| 10 Craig & Lynn Williams |
| 15 Douglas & Cheryl Rill |
| 18 Matthew & Jessica Sichel |
| 19 Mike & Cherie Hughes |
| 23 Roger & Pat Daugherty |
| 26 Chris & Megan Weaver |
| 28 Matt & Jackie Otwell |
| 29 Craig & Jennifer Ejek |



Updating Your Information

We are currently in need of a Membership Secretary, but in the meantime, please notify the Church Office if your name, address, phone number or e-mail address has changed. Feel free to contact the secretary with any other changes you require. Additionally, if you spot an error in the Directory, please let the Office know so it can be corrected. The Office email address is wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org, and the phone number is (410) 374-4027.

Happy Anniversary!

We would like to wish **Pastor Gary and Laurie Sheffield-James** a very happy belated **40th wedding anniversary!** Gary and Laurie were married on May 28, 1983.

Congratulations on your ruby anniversary!



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

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

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

Shirley Rytel
15 Pheasant Ridge Rd.
Hanover, PA 17331



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

Dot Benedict
Longview Nursing Home
Room 107A
3332 Main St.
Manchester, MD 21102

John and Stephanie Halley
30 Fitzhugh Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157



Thank you Phillip and Roger Daugherty for your efforts in updating and repairing Wesley's meditation garden! The benches look great, and the flowers and mulch are fresh and bright. It will be a peaceful haven for many in years to come.

Anonymous

The Sichel family wishes to thank the congregation of Wesley United Methodist Church for its kind words, thoughts, and deeds over the past several weeks. As the Sichels face transition, we have been reminded that Wesley is our family as people have shared memories, feelings, and words of thanksgiving. Thank you for helping us raise our children, letting us dig into ministry, and allowing us to help lead the congregation. You are a blessing; may God richly bless you with His Holy Spirit!

In Christ's love, Matt, Jess, Rose, and Isaac Sichel

Changes in Contact Information



There are a few updates for your Directories, including the following:

Michelle Hudgins

New Email Address: mjhudgins22@gmail.com
(please discontinue using the *qis.net* email address)

Janet Martin

New Email Address: janethmartin126@gmail.com
(please discontinue using the old Comcast email address)



Office Transition

A new Administrative Assistant—Dawn McFadden—has accepted the position in the Church Office effective June 5th. More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, Linda Yost, with support from Kim Peake, has temporarily stepped into the role. Please pay special attention to the due dates for bulletin and Wesley Journal submissions, as these are subject to change. The dates and times for office drop-in hours will differ, with Dawn working Wednesdays and Thursdays in the office.

May God bless the work done by the Administrative staff and all of those who volunteer their assistance!

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

Enjoy the summer! As the temperatures grow warmer, we certainly cannot control the climate outside; but we can, through God's grace, change from within the degree of our faith. It only takes a slight move forward to turn a "lukewarm" church into one simmering by God's Spirit to embrace life with purpose and direction. And that one degree can make all the difference in the world!

Grace & Peace, Gary



On Mother's Day in honor of all of us who are mothers, have mothers, and those whose mothers who have gone on to glory, the Outreach Committee at Wesley United Methodist Church, has donated \$100 to the Susanna Wesley House in Baltimore City. At Susanna Wesley House, mothers and children are welcomed who are on the journey from homelessness to housing. They have an attitude of strength and accomplishment as they continue on their path to independence and self-sufficiency. If you would personally like to donate, please see the gift suggestions in the box below. For a financial donation, please hold CNTL and click your cursor on the DONATE button below. Thank you!

How to Help!

Join Us as We Celebrate Moms!



Please donate the following to welcome our new families into Susanna Wesley House:

- * Full size sheet sets
- * Twin or Full-size bed bug proof mattress covers
- * Sets of Pots & Pans
- * Full size Mattress (NEW) *we cannot accept used*
- * Twin size Mattress (NEW) *we cannot accept used*

More Information

You can also visit <https://www.susanna-wesleyhouse.org/>.

[Donate](#)

Graduate Information Needed!

The United Women in Faith are seeking graduation information for those who have graduated since last June. If you or someone in your family fits that description, whether at the high school or college levels, please send in the following information to Connie Wiegel by **June 1st** at wiecon12@yahoo.com or call Connie at (410) 374-3675:

Full Name of Graduate • School of Graduation • Date of Graduation
Degree or Diploma • Parents of Graduates • Future Plans



Our Church's Graduates

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES**Vintage Christians – Becoming Ripe on the Vine****“The Fruit of the Spirit”****July 2, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Romans 12:9; Galatians 5:13-25*
Sermon Title: **Love**
“The Freedom to Love”**July 9, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:11*
Sermon Title: **Joy**
“That Your Joy May Be Complete”**July 16, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 4:7*
Sermon Title: **Peace**
“The Peace That Transcends”**July 23, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13:4*
Sermon Title: **Patience**
“Patience Gifted or Grown?”**July 30, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 11:22*
Sermon Title: **Kindness**
“Kindnesses - Both Random and Deliberate”**August 6, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; Titus 3:4-8*
Sermon Title: **Goodness**
“Good for Goodness Sake”**August 13, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 3:3*
Sermon Title: **Faithfulness**
“Faithfulness”**August 20, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 2:8*
Sermon Title: **Gentleness**
“O Lord, It’s Hard to be Humble”**August 27, 2023**Scripture Lessons: *Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Timothy 1:7*
Sermon Title: **Self-control**
“The Spirit of Self-Discipline”



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists & Turns™ is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to strategy games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study Game Room, Wild Card Crafts, Multi-player Missions, and Skip Ahead Snacks! But more importantly, they'll see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest friends and discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely!

Life is not all fun and games—even after becoming a Christian. It's full of twists and turns that can leave us feeling like we've taken one step forward and two steps back. That was certainly the case for Peter. He messed up; he stumbled; he wasn't perfect. But even when Peter messed up, it wasn't "Game Over." God still worked through Peter to help others learn about Jesus.

As kids study five of Peter's encounters with Jesus, they'll discover that Jesus is holy, trustworthy, forgiving, worth following, and for everyone!

June 20,21,22 from 6:30-8:00

Wesley UMC - Family Style VBS

(location name)

Vacation Bible School begins:

June 20, 21,22 from 6:30-8:00

(date and time)

Wesley United Methodist Church

(location name)

Hampstead, Maryland

(location address)

For information call:

Jennifer Ejk

443-474-2269

(name and telephone number)

or visit:

wesleychurch-hampstead.org

(church website)

PIES, COBBLERS AND TARTS!



OH MY!

June 4 2023
11:00 – 11:45
(after church service)

Or by special appointment



Need a Gluten Free Crust?

Have a favorite?

Contact one of us to order your baked good or to let us know you can donate a baked good.

Kim Peake 443-375-2107 dnjsmom2613 @ gmail.com
Vicky Wilmer / Jan Kurtz



Wesley Outreach Committee

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?**The Parable of the Growing Seed**

He also said, *"This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain --- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."* MARK 4:26-29

COFFEE TABLE READS

This time I'm NOT going to pick out certain reads. Instead, I'm suggesting you come and visit The Harrell Library and explore for yourself and see what is offered and available on the many shelves. On the Coffee Table, I will display the various "Shelf Label Categories and how to locate them by their Shelf Label Number."

I hope you will take some time to just visit The Harrell Library - sit and look through some of the reading selections that have been donated by church members over the years. I am still going through several more boxes of donated books that need to be processed and entered onto the shelves.

Happy Reading! *Reenie Harris, Librarian*



Compassion Sunday: June 11th—Bring in Your Compassion Child Photos

To celebrate Compassion Sunday, the Outreach Committee is asking that Compassion Sponsors bring in photos of their Compassion children to create a photo board to be displayed in the Sanctuary. Compassion Sunday will be June 11th, so please bring in your photos over the next week or two. Questions? Contact Bonnie Catron at (410) 374-1136 / catron.bonnie@gmail.com or Kim Peake at (443) 375-2107 / dnjsmom2613@gmail.com.

Alpha Baby Bottle Collection: Through June 18th



The 2023 Baby Bottle Donation Campaign is underway! In the Sanctuary, please find bottles for donations. You can fill them with change, cash, and/or checks – however you help works! You can turn them in any time between now and Father's Day, which is Sunday, June 18th. If you are in need or know of someone in need of Alpha's resources, you can contact them here:

Alpha Pregnancy Center

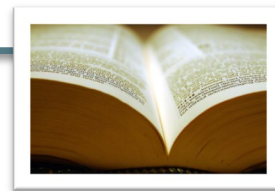
301 Main St., Suite 1B, Reisterstown, MD 21136
410-833-7864 / www.alpha-pregnancycenter.org

We thank you again for all that you do for our moms and their babies. We are grateful for you and will continue to pray that God will bless you for loving and caring for His precious gift of Life!

The Night-by-Night Shelter Needs

The Night-by-Night Shelter is currently in need of blankets. There is a tub on the bench in front of Fellowship hall to place the blankets. They still need breakfast to go items, as well. Thank you so much!

June Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



June 4 (Choir Sunday/Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday): Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 (Graduate Sun./Compassion Sun.): Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 (Father's Day): Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers for the Worship Services are needed. These currently include **greeters**, who welcome congregants to worship, and **livestreaming coordinators**, who run the MEVO video camera and tablet on Sunday mornings (**training available!**). **If you are able to volunteer for any of these positions, please contact Janet Martin at janethmartin126@gmail.com or (410) 848-8768.** Many hands make light work—**volunteer today!**



United Women in Faith • May 18, 2023

Ten members of the Wesley UWF met in the church hall for the May meeting: Jan Graf, Kim Peake, Jacki Grabowski, Cindy Myatt, Linda Hollman, Linda Yost, Betty Barr, Michelle Hudgins, Janet Martin and Connie Wiegel. Linda Hollman provided dessert for us.

After our prayer and purpose, Connie presented the Response moment. This month was an article about the UWF ladies from Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. As a group, they were able to have abusive behavior in the schools banned. Children were being paddled at their school from administrators and teachers. They were able to have this punishment overturned.

Our program was our Prayer and Self Denial moment. The subject was the deaconess and missionaries of the UWF. This is a very dedicated group of UWF that work for the betterment of women and children. After many studies they are ordained by the bishop of their conference. We learned about Jane Gray who is with our UWF conference.

Jacki gave us our treasurer's report. Linda Yost presented our prayer calendar for the month. There were 40 birthdays of missionaries and staff for this month. Linda will send cards to the ones of her choosing.

We will be presenting a graduation gift to our high school and college students on June 11. At this time, we have six graduates. A gift card will be given to each one.

We agreed we want to do the Boscov shopping passes again for a fundraiser. We also talked about having a luncheon and silent auction on September 30. Kim Peake will chair this activity.

We will be going to Cindy Myatt's for our last meeting of the year on June 8. Jan Graf and Kim Peake will bring dessert, Linda Hollman and Linda Yost green salad, Connie Wiegel potato/macaroni salad and Janet Martin chips. Cindy will provide sandwiches and drinks. We will meet at Greenmount church and carpool.

Our meeting ended with our closing prayer.

Submitted by Connie Wiegel for Brenda Hess

Outreach Minutes • May 10, 2023

Members Present: Linda Yost, Connie Wiegel, Pastor Gary Sheffield-James, Janet Martin, and Vicky Wilmer

Treasurer's Report: Cindy sent her report to Vicky and reported that all of our bills are paid.

Rescue Mission Meals: Each month, Wesley will be providing a meal for the Rescue Mission.

- In May, Cindy will be coordinating it and will need people to make Chicken Divan and desserts. Contact Cindy if you can help with the meal for May 18th.
- In June, Janet will be coordinating the meal and will need people to provide breakfast casseroles, fruit, and muffins.
- In July, Jan will be coordinating the meal and will need help providing BBQ and sides.

Alpha Donation Baby Bottles: These are now available for filling in the sanctuary and should be returned by Father's Day (June 18th).

Night-by-Night Shelter: Janet reported that the Night-by-Night Shelter needs blankets as well as packaged breakfast items. A container for the blankets is outside of the fellowship hall. They are also in need of small shampoos. Connie will purchase some. Please save them from hotels when you are vacationing.

Wesley Food Cupboard: Connie reported that the Wesley Cupboard is in frequent use and people have been helping to stock it with meal items.

Mother's and Father's Day Donations: We will be donating in honor of all of the mothers of Wesley to the Susanna Wesley House, and for Father's Day, we will be donating to the Helping Up Mission.

Pies, Cobblers, and Tarts Sale: Kim shared that she has been getting some requests and still needs people to bake as well as to buy on June 4th right after church service.

Back-to-School Drive: Linda will be reaching out to NESAP to find out their needs for their Back-to-School Drive.

Church Picnic: We will hold our church picnic on Sunday, September 10th. Outreach will provide fried chicken, drinks and paper products. [Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.]

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm.

Outdoor Food Cupboard



Our food pantry has been well stocked thanks to all of you. At this time, the cupboard has been somewhat depleted and could use some additions—which means it is being used! That's exciting and so pleasing to know. Remember, the pantry is for you also. If you see something you feel you can use, please help yourself.

Meal ideas such as pasta sauce, beef stew, pancake mix and syrup, (etc.), as well as canned veggies, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, and other non-perishables. Many of you have told us in Outreach that they have seen people using our pantry. We look forward to continuing this ministry for our community. Once again, thank you everyone. Wesley is the best!!!

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

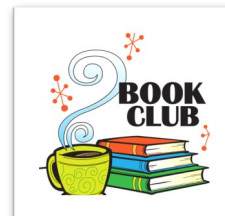
Wesley Book Club meets at MJ's Café & Baking Co. in Manchester, MD, on the last Thursday of each month at **12 Noon**. All are welcome! Contact Reenie Harris with questions at ichdeh@comcast.net or (410) 848-1121.

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

Meeting JUNE 29, 2023: THE RIDE OF HER LIFE by Elizabeth Letts

Meeting JULY 27, 2023: BECOMING MRS. LEWIS by Patti Callihan

Meeting AUGUST 31, 2023: LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY by Bonnie Garmus



Happy reading! Reenie Harris 📖 🙌

Administrative Council Minutes • April 26, 2023

Attendees: Jan Kurtz, Chairperson, Brenda Kennedy, Lee Ann Crochunis, Roger Daugherty, Janet Martin, Jonathan Yost, Rev. Matthew Sichel, Jen Ejik, Connie Wiegel, Linda Hollman, Scott Palmer, John Sies, Denny Rill, Linda Yost, Michelle Hudgins, Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Jess Sichel (and Laura Waltrup by phone).

Meeting was opened by Pastor Gary at 7 PM in prayer.

Jess Sichel shared and gave thanks for the gift she received for Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day!

SPRC: Four applications for the church secretary have been received; two have been reviewed. These were through Indeed. Also, a Bookkeeping group from California contacted Pastor Gary (which we are not interested in).

Trustees: Roger Daugherty

- First Issue: Rental of the Parsonage
 - What would be the a fair rental at Parsonage? Roger called a couple of different real estate companies. \$1500-\$1700 month would be fair if you get the right person.
 - The ceiling tiles are done [correction: ordered and in as of 5/24/2023], and everything left in the parsonage is for the Rescue Mission or for the person who will be renting the parsonage, if he wants it.
 - Roger contacted the Revs. Stanley and Charles Harrell and asked about where the income from the rental had to go; according to them, it had to go to housing. Then, Michelle Hudgins said it could go into the General Fund. At the very least, the question needs to go through the District Superintendent. Per Michelle, the Book of Discipline does not say anything about the rental income from the parsonage having to go through housing (only the sale of the parsonage). Rev. Matt Sichel stated that the Baltimore-Washington Conference may have rules of their own. We should also contact the County Commissioners Tax Assessor's Office to discuss if there is an exemption for the property taxes because we are a 501(c)3.
 - John Sies discussed some of the background of the property at Deer Park that was sold and not rented and the investment failure that occurred at that time. He advised caution on what is done with the money.
 - The question was posed to the Ad Council concerning what it wanted to do with the rental income? Could we ask \$750 month to help someone out?
 - It was noted that the rental contract should end on June 1st of 2024 because if Pastor Gary is no longer here, then the parsonage might be needed for the incoming Pastor. Michelle also said we would need to discount

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the rent because of the church use of the parsonage grounds.

- Jan Kurtz offered to start the process, but she is going on vacation. The renter is interested in moving in right away. Janet Martin stated that a few years back, people were moved in very quickly. Perhaps we can say this is an emergency and the renter (Ryan) can make a donation until the finances are figured out. Ryan may need to move out of transitional housing very soon.
- Ryan was agreeable to take care of the lawn over by parsonage; we would have to get a lawn mower (talking to Lee Smith was suggested). We've already contracted with the grass cutters to do all the grounds until the end of the mowing year. Laura—if we talked to the tenant and we have a deal about the parsonage—mowing company might be okay with that. The only thing that he would bring in is his bedroom set. We would move unneeded things out and take it to ReStore with him.
- Linda Hollman asked, can we aim for May 15th? The Ad. Council seemed to agree with that.
- Discussion about the length of the lease and Ryan's need for stability (especially with his family) as well as the furniture ensued.
- **The Motion from Ad. Council is: To allow Ryan to rent the parsonage for \$750.00 a month on an emergency basis with a termination agreement of 30 days notice and based on the District Superintendent's response about housing allowance. Vicky Wilmer moved to take up the motion; Linda Hollman seconded the motion. All votes were in favor except four abstentions. It was later noted that the \$750 does not cover the utilities.**
- Jan Kurtz will contact the District Superintendent; Linda Yost will be the back-up contact.
- John Sies noted that just in case someone didn't understand, the issue is not just the rental, but any income and whether it can be applied to the general budget as income or if it has to be held in escrow until such time it is needed as a housing allowance. Laura—understands that the money needs to be restricted; we have other restricted funds in the general account.
- Jan will talk to the County. Michelle stated that if we are renting the parsonage, then it may be seen as a for-profit situation. Laura Waltrup said that we can say that it would be a net-zero gain/loss or otherwise not cover our costs—definitely not for profit.
- Rental agreement—John Martin and Vicky worked on a previous rental agreement. Also, there was an agreement about making repairs and such. John Martin had talked with someone and gotten information about the form. Mike Sichel also worked on that.
- **Scouts:** Phillip Daugherty and the Scouts took care of weeding in the meditation area, in the pit at the parsonage, and tonight, as much as possible in front of the church. There may be some odds and ends to finish up.
- **Rental of the Church Property:** Roger visited with Julie Morgan, who is interested in running a newly established catholic style K-6 or K-8 school here. She would need eight rooms — four under the sanctuary, four in education wing — and the fellowship hall (needed for lunch and such; no kitchen except for basics—no stove, etc.) 60 students are signed up; Julie is expecting 75-80 total. A Priest would come in and the Sanctuary would be used once a month. All teachers would be finger-printed and have background checks. The United Methodist Church also has a form the teachers [and other adults] would each need to fill out. The school hours would be 8:45 to 3:15 PM; teachers would work 8 AM to 4 PM; the administrator would work 7 to 4 PM. At least half of the rooms would need to stay set up as much as possible (we would have to see the setup). Cleaning-wise, the school would wipe down the tables that were used and furniture and clean the bathrooms if there was a mess (would cleaning every week or even every day be necessary?) This is in its early stages. Discussion ensued.
 - About \$5,000-\$7,000 a month would be the income from the rental.
 - If there is a funeral, school needs to be shut down.
 - Aiming for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - There was some concern about the church's water supply; also, most schools have fill-up stations.
 - Can we handle this with our current septic system? Rev. Matt said yes; pump it more frequently. The key to keeping a septic system functioning is to keep it pumped. We have a contract with septic pumping people—as school is starting, they can come so often to check the system and can make recommendations for usage. Last time it was done was not that long ago, per Laura (by John Martin).

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- Several questions came up:
 - * What about Office Space for teachers—printers, copiers, (etc.)?
 - * How about insurance? What do we do with insurance?
 - * What about the Fire Marshall and health department inspections, Sprinkler system, (etc.)
 - * With the money that would come in—same issue as parsonage.
- **Motion from Trustees: To move forward with discovery, research, and conversation for the new school possibility. All in favor; none opposed; two abstentions.**
- Roger Daugherty is resigning from all committees; Philip is resigning; Pat is resigning. Daugherty family will be leaving. Maintaining membership for now. Would Dean take over the Trustees Committee? Roger will contact.

Finance: Michelle Hudgins.

- Copies of the financial report were sent out to the Council via email. Highlights are the general fund, giving, and income. We are \$9,000 less than budgeted year to date—\$13,000+ down from last year. Expected lowered income. However, Operating Expenses are less \$5,000+; good job Laura.
- Laura has developed an alternate budget; we need to do a very fine job of managing expenses because there is no extra money. Laura sent copies of process for expenditures; any money that has to be spent goes through an approval process.
- Laura also stated that two things were mentioned at finance: first, related to Sunday School/VBS, we might have a lot of stuff that could be reused before we purchase extra stuff that is not needed. Secondly—thinking about the supper being cancelled; it could happen in fall; it is a loss of about \$2,500 [per supper]. Laura is thinking about
- having a no-supper fundraiser (like a no-bake bake sale). This would be asking people to make donations [maybe about the price they'd spend at the supper] to make up for not having supper. Wouldn't be a lot for each person—just a thought.
- Jonathan Yost asked what the major budget reductions are. Michelle Hudgins: Youth program and Youth Leader Salary (money not spent; no leader); Seminary support—\$7,000 to \$6,000; Christian Ed. reduced by \$500 (do we have an inventory?) Pastor's housing allowance, Pastor's pension and benefits, travel, and business expenses (Pastor Gary has offered to stay on—thank you, Pastor Gary!) Secretary's salary—reduce with the new person; church bookkeeper, reduced amount budgeted for new person because of timing; Nursery supervisor (no supervisor); there is more that can be seen on the paperwork available from Finance.
- Any other questions? Bookkeeping position went on Indeed on Monday; 12 applicants since then. Weeded to top 3, who will be talked with over the weekend.
- Discussion about secretary's income; Jess Sichel advised being careful about lowering too much, as current pay is significantly below equitable level for a secretary. Pastor Gary agreed.
- **The motion came from Finance to accept the Amended Budget. Vote was in favor of revised Budget with five abstentions and one against. The motion carried.**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Gary

- There will be a **2023 Summer Sermon Series** on The Fruits of the Spirit (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control (see schedule elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.)
- **The last day of Sunday school is May 21st. Summer worship time at 10 am will start on Sunday, June 4th.**
- Pastor Gary has registered on the **Safe Gatherings** website to begin the process of getting a background check.
- He will be attending the **Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference** at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore from May 31st to June 3rd.
- I will be on **vacation from June 12 to June 26th**. **Guest preachers are needed for June 18th (Linda Yost) and 25th (Rev. Matthew Sichel).**

Christian Education:

- Last day of Sunday School is May 21st. Pavilion activities, games, crafts, lesson (weather permitting).
- VBS—June 20-22nd. Wrap up activities and song the Sunday after? Sunday, June 25th. "Twists and Turns" - Game theme. Fundraise for materials for things like CDs and such.

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- Connie—send out an email for what you will need and money/donations for. Congregation is very generous (send out soon—in a week or two).

Outreach—Vicky Wilmer (see Outreach Minutes in this issue of The Journal)

- Pie/Tart/Cobbler sale—June 4th (bakers and purchasers needed—contact Kim Peake. Also, contact her for orders.
- Plans for meal once a month for Westminster Rescue Mission; working on that. Emails to be sent for things needed throughout the summer.
- Linda Yost—School Supplies will be collected for NESAP in July; they will be due by beginning of August.
- Churchwide Picnic will be September 10th under the pavilion. Outreach doing fried chicken; other dishes should be brought by attendees.
- Suits for Success will be picked up on Friday of this week.

Worship Committee:

- Mother's Day—Worship will be providing flowered cookies.
- End of Sunday School—May 21st
- June 4th—Choir Sunday and beginning of summer schedule. The **Summer Schedule** will go through Labor Day, when Sunday School begins again and church start at 11 AM on September 10th.
- June 18th—Father's Day; Worship will be providing a gift.
- Choir and Worship are asking for special music over the summer.
- Pentecost—May 28th (Memorial Day). Buy geraniums and take them home after the Pentecost Worship Service. Order slip should start going in the first Sunday in May in the Bulletin.

United Women in Faith:

- Met on the 15th for the District Prayer Breakfast at Wesley. It was very lovely. The Susanna Wesley House speaker was very interesting. The District President And Treasurer were also in attendance; it was neat to be able to see them. The group also met the Conference President. The visitor(s) loved our Sanctuary.
- On April 20th, the UWF cooked a turkey dinner for WRM, making it into casseroles. It was a fun day! Nothing was out of a box.
- In May, the UWF will do their Prayer for Self-Denial program, which they do every year. They will meet May 18th at 11 AM.
- In June, the UWF will be at Cindy & Clay Myatt's for a picnic! It will be at 11:30 AM on June 8th.

UMM:

- Recently had a meeting and had \$1,200 for Westminster Rescue Mission. Dave was at the meeting (given his recent surgery)! The donation was in memory of John Martin.
- Jonathan presented the check to Westminster Rescue Mission; Stephanie Halley received it.
- The group decided to move to breakfast meetings sometime in the Fall instead of dinner meetings on Monday nights.

GriefShare: Will meet through May 23rd. New material is coming in the Fall; the team is hoping to be able to have another session with the new material in the fall.

Deacon's Report: No report.

New Business

- Jess Sichel will be the Recording Secretary for Ad. Council through May; a new Recording Secretary will be needed after that.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:21 PM by Rev. Matthew Sichel.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Worship Schedule: 10 AM Traditional Worship Service				1 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	2	3
4 Summer Worship Schedule Choir Sunday! Pies, Tarts, & Cobblers Sale after Worship	5	6	7 Visitation at J&Ps Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	8 UWF Meeting at Myatt Home 11:30 AM	9	10
11 Summer Worship Schedule Graduate Sunday! Compassion Child Sunday!	12 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	13	14 Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Pastor Gary Away	15 <i>July/August Combined Journal Submissions Due!</i>	16	17
18 Summer Worship Schedule Happy Father's Day! Alpha Pregnancy Bottles Due Back	19 UMM Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21 Finance 7 PM Pastor Gary Away	22	23	24
25 Summer Worship Schedule Pastor Gary Away	26 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM <i>(tentative)</i>	27	28 Administrative Council Meeting 7 PM	Vacation Bible School 6:30 to 8 PM 29 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 1.2 PM	30	

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Worship Participants for June 2023 (10 AM):

- June 4 (Choir Sunday):** Greeters—Ruth and Carl Rill, Liturgist—Rev. Matthew Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels, Music—Organist Jeff Horner and The Chancel Choir Directed by Jan Graf
- June 11 (Graduate and Compassion Child Sunday):** Greeters—United Women in Faith, Liturgist—Michelle Hudgins, Acolyte—Need, A/V Team—Need, Organist—Jeff Horner
- June 18 (Father's Day):** Guest Preacher—Linda Yost, Greeters—Charlotte Gyory and Jim Haralson, Liturgist—Laura Waltrup, Acolyte—Need, A/V Team—Need, Organist—Jeff Horner
- June 25:** Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Liturgist—Kim Peake, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels, Organist—Jeff Horner



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