

# 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 and connecting.

## From the Desk of the Pastor...

*"Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose."*

Proverbs 18:21 - **The Message** by Eugene Peterson

Dear Friends,

Someone once said, *"Choose your words carefully because someday you might have to eat them."* Have you ever said something that you wished you could take back? Have you ever apologized to another person for words you may have used? I dare say we have all used words that have gotten us into trouble.

Proverbs 18:21 says, *"Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose."* Here the psalmist makes it quite clear – the words we use have consequences. Words impact others – either positively or negatively.

That is an important principle to keep in mind as we begin a busy fall. Let me start first by sharing a word or two about the ministries happening here at Wesley.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the **group meetings** I facilitated in August. I am now in the process of tabulating all the responses I received from each group that addressed the three questions: 1) What does Wesley Church celebrate? 2) What do you see as the challenges Wesley is facing? and 3) How do you see the Holy Spirit leading Wesley in the future? I will share this with the Administrative Council and congregation. I can share with you at this time what every group highlighted as one of the greatest strengths Wesley can celebrate – and that is our deep sense of community.

**Sunday school** will begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and Wesley's worship service will be at 11 am. Our educational program

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**Deadline for the October issue of The Wesley Journal is Friday, September 15.**  
Please email your news to [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org).

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

***9/3/23: 10:00 AM Worship***

***Beginning 9/10/23:***

***9:30 AM Sunday School***

***10:30 AM Fellowship Time***

***11:00 AM Worship***

offers a way to reach new people and provide a launching pad for our young people to grow in the various faith-development stages throughout life. As pastor, I will facilitate the adult class. I am using N.T. Wright's book, **Simply Christian**, as our resource to help us explore our Christian faith together.

I will also share with you a few words on **stewardship**. Finance Committee sent out a congregational letter that detailed the fiscal challenges Wesley church is facing. The letter expressed concerns about how this will impact us now and what implications this may have for us in the future.

This congregation has always faced challenges in past with spiritual discernment and wisdom. I have great confidence Wesley will make wise decisions that will enable us to continue ministry serving the community and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have shared a few words with you about opportunities and challenges facing our church; I count it a privilege to be the pastor of Wesley and serve such a talented and caring congregation. Working together, we can do great things. As people of faith, we have many good words to share with each other and with our community.

Grace & Peace,  
Gary



### Wesley Grief Share

Wesley Grief Share will begin the Fall sessions starting September 5, 2023 running through December 5, 2023 - every Tuesday evening - 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Harrell Library. We will have all NEW MATERIAL this Fall which includes a new workbook for each participant (Cost = \$20.00) and a new 30-minute video at each session.



As well as hearing testimonies from others, you will be fed God's Word and strengthened, comforted and encouraged by His love and wisdom as you'll feel His presence on your personal grief journey from Mourning to Joy.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, please join us for a wonderful healing experience. For questions, please contact Reenie Harris or Bonnie Catron.

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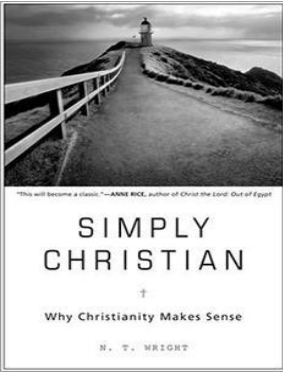
### Wesley United Women in Faith – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023



Wesley United Women in Faith will start meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We meet every third Thursday of the month. All women of the church are invited to come and join us for fellowship and working our mission projects. We meet at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions you may have please contact Connie Wiegel at 410-374-3675.

## Join Us at Wesley for these Opportunities to Explore the Christian Faith



**Wesley's Adult Sunday Class** will be reading **N.T. Wright's** book *Simply Christian*. Wright's book walks the reader through the Christian faith step-by-step and question-by-question. With simple yet exciting and accessible prose, Wright challenges skeptics by offering explanations for even the toughest doubt-filled dilemmas, leaving believers with a reason for renewed faith. For anyone who wants to travel beyond the controversies that can obscure what the Christian faith really stands for, this simple book is the perfect vehicle for that journey.

Pastor Gary will be leading this study. Please come and join with others as we explore our faith together. The first class will begin Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 am.

***Advent and the Incarnation***, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now. *Publishing Date: September 2023*

The Advent Study will be held in the Adult Classroom during the Wesley's Sunday school hour at 9:30 am.

### ADVENT STUDY SUNDAYS

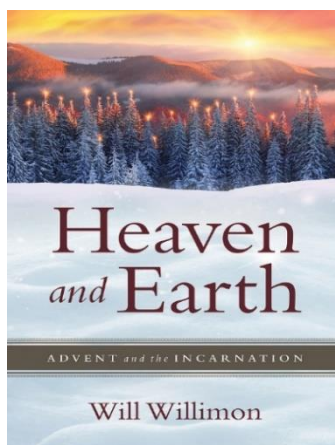
**December 3, 2023**

**December 10, 2023**

**December 17, 2023**

**December 24, 2023**

In the Advent season, heaven seems so close as we remember that a tiny baby in a manger is God in human form coming to show us the Way. God's choice of incarnation allows us to reflect on the mystery that Christ is the full revelation of God instead of being one who talks about God or one who speaks for or acts as God. But, no, Christ is God. In *Heaven and Earth*, beloved pastor and scholar Will Willimon explores the idea of Jesus as both fully human and fully divine this Christmas.





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

- 6 Jason & Jessica Sellman
- 19 Jim & Bev Rill
- 21 Bob & Suzanne McCown



*Lots of changes in our church recently. If any names should be added to or removed from the birthday and/or anniversary list, please let Dawn in the church office know.*

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### Update on Jerrett Peake



Jerrett Peake, WO3 USMC, is retiring. August, 2003, a boy who has grown up here at Wesley, boarded a bus to Parris Island to become one of our finest – a U.S. Marine.

Twenty years later this boy has become a man and is standing tall as one of our finest, a Warrant Officer 3 in the United States Marine Corps.

Jerrett started out as a Private, just like most; he quickly proved himself and showed what he was capable of doing. Wesley Church has prayed for Jerrett as he navigated bootcamp, weapons training/development and several postings.

Wesley prayed for him when he was in the desert – fighting for a cause many didn't support. But you supported him, and he felt your prayers when he needed them the most.

Wesley celebrated when he was chosen to be one of the elite, a Warrant Officer – respected by enlisted and commissioned as "someone who knows their stuff."

You still pray for him over in Okinawa, where he has been for several years. You can send letters and notes of encouragement. You pray for him and his wife Sayaka when you see a storm pass over that tiny island and ask if they are okay.

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Jerrett will be retiring from the Marine Corp in March, 2024 with plans to stay in Japan for the near future. Phil and Kim Peake encourage you to keep him in your prayers as he navigates his way from military to civilian status. As he transitions to a U.S. citizen living and working in a foreign country.

If you want to congratulate him on his retirement, his address is:

Jerrett Peake  
PSC 567 Box 6609  
FPO, AP 96384-6609



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### 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



*Our deepest condolences to the family of  
John Redding, Jr.  
May he rest in peace.  
With Love, your Wesley Family*



Thank you, again, to Gary and Vicky Wilmer for checking on Wesley Church following the severe storm on August 7<sup>th</sup>. A blessing to know they always have our backs. Also, thanks to Linda Yost for “rehomeing” freezer items during the power outage, so that foods were safe and preserved.

~Anonymous



To the Family of Wesley UMC,

I would like to thank everyone at Wesley for all the prayers, cards, and food that have been sent my way. I have been recovering my health and strength through the grace of God and the love of the people of Wesley.

~Thank you and God bless, Jim Watkins

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Wesley UMC,

You are all amazing! You sent a Bundle of Blessings our way through our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your enthusiastic participation raised a total of \$376.67 for our moms and their little ones! We are so grateful for your most kind and generous hearts. May the good Lord return the blessings to all of you in abundance.

~With a Thankful Heart, Jamie for Alpha

Thank you to the Wesley congregation for all your prayers, kind thoughts and well wishes during my parents' final days and in their passing and during my continuing health issues. What a wonderful family you are!

~Grace and blessings to you, Dave Hudgins

Dear Wesley Church,

Thank you so much for the Walmart gift card! I appreciate it and I will definitely use it when I go to Towson this fall!! Thanks for thinking of me!

~Katherine Crochunis



*Thank You  
Notes*

Dear Members of Wesley United Methodist,

God is good! We see His goodness in the generosity of faithful friends like you! Your support truly does help to ensure that we are here to provide life-affirming services for mothers and their little ones. Together we are bringing LIGHT to a dark world!

~God bless, Laura

(Pregnancy Support Center of CC, Inc.)

Many, many thanks for all the calls, cards and especially prayers. Hope to see you soon!

~Betty Barr

**News from the Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations)**



The 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). Wesley Church is filled with talented and gifted people who acknowledge God as the gift-giver.

In August, Wesley’s Lay Leadership Committee contacted 44 people (via phone calls, emails, texts) to express thanks for their service and asking if they wish to continue serving in various areas of ministry. At this time, we can report the following leadership positions are open for those who are willing to serve: *Lay Leadership Committee* – (five positions), *Trustees Committee* – (five positions), *Staff Parish Relation Relations Committee* (four positions), *Church Historian*, *Membership Chair*, and *Primary Liaison for Maryland Faith Health Network (MFHN)*.

As your pastor, I want to highlight a vital ministry that is essential for Sunday worship – that being an Audio/Visual volunteer. In the last few months, we have not been able to live-stream our worship service for those unable to attend and for those who may be looking for a church home. Recorded services get placed on the church website. This allows people who were unable to attend on any given Sunday the opportunity to view the service at the time of their choosing.

Please pray and ask God for guidance in how you can serve at Wesley Church. If God is calling you to serve in these areas of service mentioned above, please contact pastor Gary either by cell 410-963-8618 or email- [pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org) to inquire about the responsibilities and time commitments of these positions. The Lay Leadership Report will be presented at **Wesley’s Church Conference** which will be held **via Zoom on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm**.

Pastor Gary

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**Wesley United Methodist Men**

Wesley United Methodist Men tentatively plan to meet for breakfast on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at Bob Evans in Westminster. We will enjoy some fellowship, devotional and planning for the fall.



**WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?**

WHERE WILL YOU LIVE FOREVER? In the house of the Lord. If His house is your "forever house", what does that make this earthly house? You got it! Short-term housing. This is not our home. This explains the homesickness we feel ... Deep down you know you are not home yet. So be careful not to act like you are.

Max Lucado

**COFFEE TABLE READS**

I am introducing MORE NEW ENTRIES to The Harrell Library. These new entries have been donated from the library of Deanna Sies (passed Nov. 23, 2022) by John Sies:

**STAND FIRM** - Life-Guides from Philippians by Dave Branon

**LIVING WITH THORNS** by Mary Ann Froehlich

**WOMAN OF STRENGTH** - Living the best life possible for God in this broken world - by Alice Mathews

**WAITING FOR GOD** by Xochitl Dixon

**THE SPOTLIGHT OF FAITH** - understanding what it means to walk with God - by Bill Crowder

**FREE TO LEAN** - making peace with your lopsided life - by Jocelyn Green

**THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD** by Brother Lawrence with Harold Myra

**I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS** by Aaron Sharp

**UNSEEN FOOT PRINTS** by Sheridan Voysey

These new additions will be displayed on the Coffee Table for your reading pleasure. Don't forget to sign them out. Instructions for signing out books are posted by the yellow box on the shelf.

Enjoy your read,

Reenie Harris  
Librarian







## Olde·Time·Church·Picnic!

Come·join·us·on·**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**·under·  
the·pavilion·in·the·parsonage·backyard·  
immediately·following·the·worship·service.!

**Fried·Chicken**·and·**drinks**·will·!  
be·provided.·Please·bring·a·**side·dish·or·  
dessert**·to·share.·!



A·sign·up·sheet·for·side·dishes·and·desserts·!  
will·be·in·the·back·of·the·church.!

come·and·bring·the·entire·family!!



## The Wesley Book Club: Reading Selections for: September, October, November & December, 2023

### SEPTEMBER

*As the Tide Comes In*

by Cindy Woodsmall & Erin Woodsmall  
Meeting September 28, 2023

### NOVEMBER

*The Personal Librarian*

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray  
\*Meeting November 30, 2023

### OCTOBER

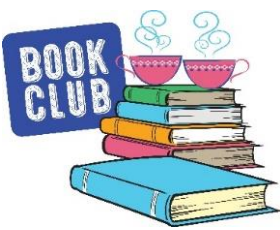
*West With Giraffes*

by Lynda Rutledge  
\*Meeting November 2, 2023

### DECEMBER

*Out of Circulation* (A Cat in The Stacks Mystery No. 4)

by Miranda James  
Meeting December 28, 2023



\*Since most of us will be attending the Women’s Retreat the last weekend/Thursday in October - and since there are five Thursdays in November, let’s meet TWICE for Book Club in November: November 2<sup>nd</sup> and again November 30<sup>th</sup>. Book Club will not meet in October.

Wesley Book Club will meet on the noted Thursday at MJ’s Café & Baking Co. at 12 Noon.

Happy Reading!  
Reenie Harris

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### 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](mailto:janethmartin126@gmail.com) or (717) 495-7013. Many hands make light work— volunteer today!**



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### The Night-by-Night Shelter Needs

The Night-by-Night Shelter is currently in need of blankets and breakfast-to-go items. There is a tub on the bench in front of Fellowship Hall to place the blankets.  
Thank you so much!

## Wesley Food Cupboard

Our food pantry has been well stocked thanks to all of you. The food seems to go quickly—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. [Make sure the food you donate is not expired and is unopened.]**



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!!!

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## Junior Church



Wesley Church will be offering Junior Church for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade this fall while parents attend the worship service. Bible-based lessons and crafts will be offered. Parent volunteers will be needed to help support this by signing up for one Sunday a month, if possible. Nursery care is available upon request. For more information, contact Linda Yost at 443-605-8295 or Jan Kurtz at 443-340-6497.

Teachers and Substitutes are needed for our Wesley UMC Sunday School and Junior Church to be a success! This year classes begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please consider one (or more) of the following ways you can help:

- ✓ Be available as a Substitute for any of the children’s Sunday School classes (Pre-K-Kindergarten; 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>).
- ✓ Junior Church – Lead or assist with this multi-age group (Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades) once per month during the Worship hour. Materials will be provided.
- ✓ Make a donation toward the cost of teaching curriculum.



If you are interested in helping out, or need more information, please contact Jennifer Ejk, Sunday School Superintendent, at [jenniferejk@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferejk@yahoo.com) or call her at 443-474-2269. For contact information on Junior Church, please see the contact information printed above. **LET’S GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE BEST POSSIBLE 2023-2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE EVER!**



## Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • August 9, 2023

**Members present:** Vicky Wilmer, Jan Kurtz, Connie Wiegel, Janet Martin, Cindy Myatt, Michelle Hudgins, Clay Myatt, Randy Kurtz

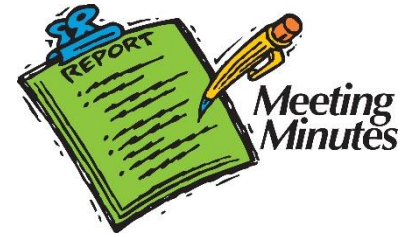
1. Treasurer's Report – Need to send donation to Helping Up Mission in honor of Father's Day.
2. NESAP Back to School – Linda Yost delivered items to NESAP. The Outreach committee purchased backpacks and we had many donations from the congregation.
3. Christmas bazaar – A discussion was held about the possibilities of having a churchwide Christmas bazaar to raise money for our church instead of the fall supper. We discussed Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> as a possible date. We will need the help and support of the entire church and approval from Administrative Council.
4. Church Picnic – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Sign-up sheets will be placed in back of the church-Jan A-M sides, N-Z desserts.
  - b. Outreach will take care of the paper products, iced tea and lemonade as well as purchasing fried chicken.
5. Operation Christmas Child – Vicky will check out the number of boxes needed. Remember to purchase your school supplies now while they are on sale.
6. Rescue Mission Meals:
  - a. July – Jan-meal well received, great response from congregation
  - b. August- Gift card for dinner
  - c. September- Ham, green beans, corn, Mac and cheese and desserts
7. Night by Night Shelter – Janet, still need breakfast to go. Need blankets
8. Meals – still providing meals to Halley's, may need to provide for Dot Benedict
9. College Students – addresses for college students – Vicky will reach out to the congregation to get up to date addresses.
10. Compassion Child – Linda Hollman is writing to him.

Next Meeting: September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



## Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • June 28, 2023

**Attendees:** Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Jonathan Yost, Pastor Gary, Connie Wiegel, John Sies, Scott Palmer, Denny Rill, Michelle Hudgins, Dave Hudgins, Laura Waltrup, Brenda Kennedy, and Vicky Wilmer



Pastor Gary opened the meeting at 7:05 with prayer. Jan thanked everyone for coming to this important meeting.

Laura shared with us several balance sheets that depicted the church's financial records over the last six months.

- She noted that currently we are under budget on our program expense, office expenses, and maintenance and repair budget. We have all been working hard to control spending.
- However, in the last 6 weeks our income has been down by approximately 26%.
- We have paid our apportionments through May, but we **will not** be paying our apportionments until further notice as we do not have the funds to pay them. Only 10% of our budget goes to apportionments.
- At the current rate of giving, we will not be able to pay our current incoming bills.

After much discussion, we all agreed that we needed to communicate to the church membership that we have a large shortfall that needs to be met in order for our doors to stay open. Pastor Gary and Michelle Hudgins will draft letters to send out to the congregation apprising them of our financial difficulties.

A motion was made by Laura that we re-appropriate the money from the wreath fundraiser (\$636.39), the youth program fund (\$3,805.92) and the praise team/contemporary fund (\$933.14) to the unrestrictive general fund to cover current and projected shortfalls to the budget. Dave Hudgins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

A question was raised do we need to let the conference know that we will not be paying our apportionments. Pastor Gary will speak to the DS and make her aware of this fact.

### Parsonage

We had to incur some expenses recently at the parsonage. We had to replace the dryer and the dishwasher. Currently the A/C is not working in the parsonage. Laura bought two window air conditioners for the parsonage. There was discussion on where we would get the money to pay for the dish washer and dryer.

Connie made a motion to use \$1,300 from the WIP fund to pay for the dryer and the dishwasher for the parsonage. Denny seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

Laura asked that we all be in prayer about the financial difficulties of our church and to share this information with other members.

There was a discussion about email difficulties. Some people are getting emails from the church, but others are not. Jessie will be working on this issue.

Dawn is doing a great job! She is working hard to learn the many tasks at Wesley.

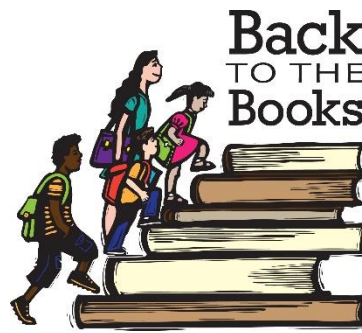
*~Pastor Gary closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30pm.*



# SEPTEMBER 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>1 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM</p>	2
<p>3 10 AM Traditional Worship <i>Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i></p>	<p>5 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Visitation Committee at J&amp;P's Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	7	<p>8 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM</p>	9
<p>10 Regular Worship Schedule Begins: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Traditional Worship Church Picnic: Following Worship in the Pavilion</p>	11	<p>12 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>13 Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14 UMM at Bob Evans 7:30 AM</p>	<p>15 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM <i>October Journal Submissions Due!</i></p>	16
<p>17 Regular Worship Schedule with Traditional Service, 11 AM</p>	18	<p>19 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 UM in Faith Meeting 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>22 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM</p>	23
<p>24 Regular Worship Schedule with Traditional Service, 11 AM <i>After-Church Lunch Bunch following Worship</i> (location TBA)</p>	25	<p>26 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>27 Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28 Book Club at MJ's Café &amp; Baking Co. 12 PM</p>	<p>29 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM</p>	30



Always  
give  
yourselves  
fully to  
the work  
of the  
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

## The Haircut

Teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. The father offered his son the following deal.

"You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your haircut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

Got to love the Dad's reply:

"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

SCHEDULE OF  
WORSHIP



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

Phone: (410) 374-4027  
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Office Hours: Tuesdays from 12:30(ish) to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Worship Participants for September:**

- September 3: **Greeters**—Dean & Roxane Brewer, **Liturgist**— Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill, **Acolyte**— *Need*, **A/V Team**— *Need*
- September 10: **Greeters**—United Women in Faith, **Liturgist**—Michelle Hudgins, **Acolyte**— *Need*, **A/V Team**— *Need*
- September 17: **Greeters**—Bonnie Catron & Cheryl Gore, **Liturgist** — Linda Hollman, **Acolyte**— *Need*, **A/V Team**— *Need*
- September 24: **Greeters**—Jan & Randy Kurtz, **Liturgist** — Laura Waltrup, **Acolyte**— *Need*, **A/V Team**— *Need*

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