

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, worshipping & praying, and serving and connecting.

Life from a New Vantage Point

Friends:

The last week of Jesus' life had been such a tragic ordeal. He was brought to trial, beaten and humiliated and put to death on a cross. After his crucifixion and death, he was prepared for burial and placed into a tomb. On the morning of the third day, the women came to the grave. They came with great sadness and grief. They must have asked themselves, "How could this have happened to a man whose purpose was to help others to love God and to love each other?" And in their bewilderment and fear, an angel appeared, saying, "He is not here; he has risen."

The Resurrection of Christ is the corner stone of our faith. If Christ did not rise, there would be no gospel. If Christ did not rise, our faith would be in vain. The hope of the early church was in the belief that Christ had risen.

Our hope, too, is in this promise. We, like the women at the tomb, have been filled with fear and grief. We have felt the loss of a loved one. There have been those faithful servants in our church who have gone to be with the saints. Maybe some of us have felt the loss of a friend, a job or the loss of meaning and purpose in our lives. And so, we come as the women did, to find out if there is hope. Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we have been given new life now and new life eternally.

C.S. Lewis wrote these words: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it." As Christians, we see things from the vantage point of the Cross and Resurrection. This is not to say that we will no longer feel pain and separation. We are not immune to the sorrows and tragedies of life. Yet, we view them from the promise of the empty tomb. The empty tomb means that love conquers hate, hope transcends despair, and life destroys death. That's not only good news for this holy season, but for each and every day of our lives.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

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Deadline for the *May 2024* issue of *The Wesley Journal* is **Friday, April 19th**. Please email your news to wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.



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| 2 | Irby Cole, III | 5 | William "Will" Otwell |
| | Laura Gast | | Amanda Phillips |
| | Jeff Horner | 7 | Lindsay Zachman |
| 3 | Diana Crochunis | 8 | Beverly Rill |
| | Peggy Dovell | | Debbie Schubert |
| 4 | James S. Hoffman | 10 | Chase Green |
| | | | Cindy Rill |
| | | 11 | Connor Insley |
| | | | Cynthia Sowash |
| | | 12 | Adrienne Kurtz |
| | | | Linda Yost |
| | | 14 | Cory Waltrup |
| | | 15 | Meredith Smith |
| | | 16 | Kathy Gutierrez |
| | | 17 | Dean Brewer |
| | | 21 | Michael Martin |
| | | 26 | Molly Smith |
| | | 27 | Brenda Benson |
| | | | Patsy "Tootie" Harris |
| 28 | Greg Horner | | |
| | Nan Lishman | | |
| | Kaylyn Phillips | | |
| | Seth Sowash | | |
| 29 | Kenneth Miller | | |



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| 2 | Gary & Vicky Wilmer |
| 4 | Kyle & Amanda Phillips |
| 7 | Randy & Jan Kurtz |
| 15 | Ken & Fay Miller |
| | Greg & Connie Wiegel |
| 26 | Clay & Cindy Myatt |

If any names should be added to or removed from the birthday and/or anniversary list, please call or email the church office.

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

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

John and Stephanie Halley
30 Fitzhugh Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157

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

Shirley Rytel
15 Pheasant Ridge Road
Hanover, PA 17331

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

Prayers Especially for Individuals / Families:

- For Patty Harris's Aunt who is recovering from eye surgery.
- For Fran Crispin who is in recovery from a procedure related to her battle with cancer.
- For Vicky Wilmer's friends in North Carolina whose Church had a fire.
- For Clay Myatt who has had two biopsies. Prayers for doctors to determine the best possible treatment.
- For Jeff Zachman's Aunt Jean. She has a serious MRSA infection in her replaced knee and will have further surgery.
- For Will Smith as they underwent surgery recently. Prayers for healing and lessening of pain for both.
- For Ruth Elseroad, for cardiac issues.
- For Debbie Schubert. Prayers for healing after surgery.
- For Earl Christiani's youngest brother, Tommy, who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Prayers for Tommy's widow, and the rest of the Christiani family.
- For Jeff Zachman's dad, Warren who is currently in hospice. Please pray for comfort for Jeff and family as they deal with past and future loss.
- For Vince's mom, who is in the hospital. Please pray for her to be comforted amidst her suffering.
- For Lenny, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery. Prayers for quick healing.
- For Lisa, who underwent spinal surgery. Please pray for healing.
- For Randy Kurtz's brother, Richard who is suffering from major cardiac issues.
- For Sandra, who is suffering from an obstruction in her GI tract. Prayers for healing and for her family members, Jacque and Dave.
- For all those who are going through cancer treatments, especially Jill, Lance, and Evelyn.
- For the victims and families of the war in Ukraine, and the war in Israel and Gaza.



Prayer requests will remain on this list for four weeks. Unless another request is received, their name will be removed. If, at any time, you would like to add to or remove someone from this list, please contact the Administrative Assistant at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or call the church office at 410-374-4027.



Honor Your Graduate



Graduation always seems to sneak up on us each year! We would like to honor your graduate on **May 19th** at our 11:00 am worship service.

Please notify Connie Wiegel, wiecon12@yahoo.com, by **May 1st** with your graduate information concerning where they are graduating from, and any future plans.

We enjoy honoring our students each year! This is for all high school and college students. Thank you!

The Night by Night Shelter averages 35-40 people each night. They must leave in the morning by 8am with only coffee as their breakfast. Whatever we can provide for their “breakfast to go” is welcomed and greatly appreciated!

The Shelter Administrator wanted us to know how happy these breakfast items were received by the homeless. She thanked Wesley for our generosity. Hopefully we can continue giving them these items.

Please place them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary.

Wesley's Food Pantry Needs

Thank you, everyone, who brought items for our Food Pantry! We will have much to share with those who rely on our little giving closet! Please continue to donate as the need for donated food items is still great.



We look forward to continuing this ministry for our community. Thank you for all your help filling our pantry shelves. Wesley is the best!!!!

Pastor Gary's Vacation

Pastor Gary will be on vacation from April 1-7, 2024.
We wish him a restful and blessed time.



APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



The staff parish relations committee is responsible for personnel concerns within the congregation. It is my joy to share with you today that Bishop LaTrelle Easterling has appointed Rev. Dr. Melissa Rudolph, Rev. John Rudolph, and Rev. Jerry Gautcher as the new pastors of the North Carroll Cooperative Parish as it is extended from Grace, Greenmount, St. John's, Emory, Millers, Bixlers, Mt. Zion, and Pleasant Grove to include Wesley UMC.

The pastoral team will begin their new responsibilities on **July 1** of this year.

As a United Methodist Church we are a part of an appointment system. Our congregation's staff parish relations committee has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Pastor Melissa to get to know her and to ask questions.

Pastor Melissa continues as the lead pastor and is responsible for administrative concerns and worship planning. Pastor John will continue to oversee the Youth and Kids teams, NCCP sports, and missional strategy. Pastor Jerry is responsible for the Caring Parish team and will organize and equip pastoral care and outreach programs. All three will be available for spiritual needs. Our new pastors will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. There will be a town hall meeting to hear more about this new ministry opportunity after Easter.

We are excited for Wesley to become part of NCCP!

SPRC Committee: Brenda Hess Chair, Dave Hudgins, Jeff Zachman, Linda Hollman, Cheryl Gore and Matt Otwell.



UMM Group will meet for breakfast on **Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30am** at the Dutch Corner Restaurant in Manchester.



Wesley's UWF ladies met on Thursday, March 21.

On February 15th the UWF met at 10:00am.

Women worked on hygiene bags Night to Night mission and a meal for the Westminster Rescue Mission.

8 members were in attendance today.

54 hygiene bags for the Night by Night Shelter were assembled.

A turkey casserole meal was prepared for the Westminster Rescue mission and delivered.

After meal prep and hygiene bags completed, our women shared lunch and dessert together provided by Connie,

Our group lifted those near and dear to our hearts that are suffering from sickness, in need of healing, care, safety and lifesaving surgeries:

Jackie Grabowski, Marty Joiner, Fran Crispin, Ruth Elseroad, Dian Rowe, Connie's son in law Andy's dad and Ady Linda Yost's granddaughter.

Connie Wiegel has received the 2024 UWF program book. Reading program certificate has been received from UWF District.

Linda Yost read from the UWF Prayer Calendar she mentioned birthdays listed in the calendar for the month of February.

Linda Yost will reach out to Longview Nursing Home to see if they still have an interest in our UWF continuing to provide birthday cake for the residents of the nursing home once a month.

May 19th is Graduation Sunday, the UWF will honor any Wesley graduates for this year. Those with graduates should contact Connie with the graduate's name and future plans after school, no later than May 1st. Connie will get Administrative Assistant to post a note to the bulletin and upcoming journal to notify congregation.

Need UWF ushers for the 11:00am worship service on March 10th. Linda Hollman and Jan Graf agreed to usher that morning.

UWF budget for 2024 there will be no change, that same as the 2023 Budget.

Next meeting will be held on March 21st at 11:00am.

Meeting minutes were completed and submitted by Brenda Hess

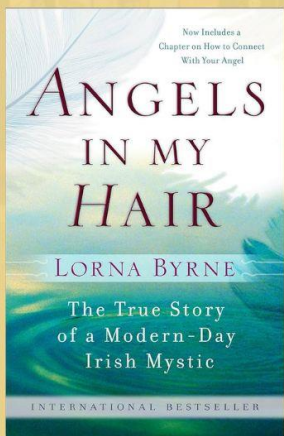
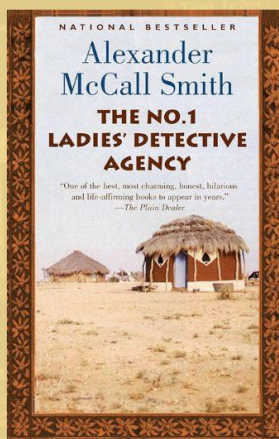
Our next meeting will be on **April 18 at 11am** in our social hall. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.

Join Us!

Wesley UMC Book Club

March 28th, 2024

The No.1 Ladies
Detective Agency by
Alexander McCall Smith



April 25th, 2024

Angels in My Hair
by Lorna Byrne

BSA Troop 380
37TH Live Benefit Auction

Snyder's Auction House
Saturday, April 6, 2023
9 am to 5 pm
 Downtown Hampstead, MD
 Right off Main Street, on Mott Avenue







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 or
 please email us at: troop380auction@gmail.com








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

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

SPECIAL GIVEAWAYS ARE HAPPENING DURING THE DAY!

NEEDED!! USED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: anything that is not broken or upholstered: appliances, knick-knacks, tools, pots and pans – anything except clothing.

John Halley extends his joy and gratitude for all those at Wesley Church.





Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Members present: Linda Yost, Vicky Wilmer, Janet Martin, Michelle Hudgins,

1. Treasurer's Report – Cindy reported that we have paid all of the bills. Thank you to everyone who made and bought soups.
2. Meals:
 - a. Halley gift cards
 - b. Meals for Debbie Schubert 2x a week
3. College Students – Vicky will send out Easter cards very soon.
4. Rescue Mission meals:
 - a. March was delivered – the staff was very appreciative.
 - b. April-We are doing weekends.
5. Alpha Bottles – between Mother's Day and Father's Day
6. Easter Baskets – Vicky will take over 24 baskets to Shepherds Staff on Thursday.
7. Night by Night Shelter – Janet reported that the need is still great for breakfast-to-go food and blankets.
8. Pantry/ Food drive was successful. Thank you!!!
9. March 17th Covered-Dish Luncheon – Vicky ordered 100 pieces of chicken, Janet and Vicky will set the tables on Saturday, and Gary Wilmer checked the paper products. Connie is picking up rolls.

No meeting in April. Next meeting May 8th at 9:30 at church.

Administrative Council Meeting for February 28, 2024

In attendance: Brenda Hess, Jan Kurtz, Jackie Otwell, Rev. Gary, Dave and Michelle Hudgins, John Sies, Denny Rill, Linda Hollman, Brenda Kennedy, Janet Martin, Linda and Jonathan Yost, Vicky Wilmer
Rev. Gary opened the meeting in prayer.

SPRC

SPRC received pastoral appointment from BWC Bishop, LaTrelle Easterling and District Superintendent, Ann Laprade for Wesley's next pastoral leadership. We will join the North Carroll Cooperative Parish with the pastoral leadership team of Melissa Rudolph, John Rudolph, and Jerry Gautcher, starting on July 1st.

Pastor Gary's appointment with Wesley will end on June 17th.

There will be a Town Hall meeting at Wesley church on April 17th at 7:00 pm with Pastor Melissa Rudolph to discuss how we move forward and to answer questions and concerns. A discussion was held about holding the meeting in the fellowship hall but microphones would be needed.

We will be conducting interviews for the church Administrative Assistant position this week and next week.

This position will only be required for 4 months. After that the NCCP parish administrator, will be handling all these types of responsibilities according to Pastor Melissa Rudolph.

I have been having problems with sending church wide mass email.

Our next SPRC meeting will be on March 13th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Outreach Report

Soup Sale – Thank you everyone who made soup, pies, and muffins. Thank you to everyone who bought soup, pies, and muffins. We will make over \$700. Wesley is always so generous.

Easter Baskets for Shepherd's Staff are in the back of the church with a list of items that can be included.

They need to be returned by March 10th.

We are holding a food drive for the Wesley Cupboard on March 10th.

On March 17th the Outreach Committee will be coordinating the potluck after service. We will be purchasing fried chicken, drinks, and paper products. We are asking everyone else to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will be sending Easter cards and gift cards to our college students in March.

We will be sending breakfast casseroles to Westminster Rescue Mission on March 10th.

Finance Committee Report

First, many thanks to Laura Waltrup for all her years of service as treasurer and her continued support of the finance committee. Her efforts and impact can really not be measured.

Revised budget based on mission share step up and p/t pastor. 2024 budget is \$175,135 income, \$144,101 expenses for a net of \$31,034.

Budget includes part time pastor salary commitment of \$49,500 for July '24 thru June '25.

Mission Share (Apportionment) step up plan of 25%, 50%, 75%, 100% annually has been approved by the UMC. This amounts to \$7,461 for 2024.

General checking account balance (unrestricted funds) at the end of January is \$50,558.54 as noted on the balance sheet. Where this is a healthy position, note that we did not pay \$21,000 in conference apportions in 2023 (forgiven) and raised \$14,000 in pew dedications. This could easily be around \$15,000.

Other activities of note.

Signatories for RBC Wealth Management funds have been updated.

Signatories for FMC Bank accounts update in process.

ERC – employee retention credit applied for in the amount of \$21,000. Strategic Tax Planning has filed with the IRS and will charge \$3,000 if the credit is approved.

UMM Report

The UMM hosted the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 13 and raised over \$320 to support our outreach efforts. Thanks to all who helped out and who joined us for supper.

The February UMM breakfast meeting was held at the Dutch Corner Restaurant. Good attendance and good fellowship. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th.

Pastor's Report

Pastor continues to **facilitate the Adult Class** on Sunday using NT Wright's book.

March 17 – Service of Pew Dedication, Plaque for Choir, and Luncheon afterwards.

March 24 – Easter Cantata

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service held in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm.

March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am at Pavilion.

Easter Worship Service at 11 am. in Sanctuary

Pastor Gary will be on **vacation** from **April 1 to April 7.**

We have **leadership positions open for those willing to serve.** They are as follows - *Lay Leadership Committee* – (three positions), *Trustees Committee* – (two positions), *Staff Parish Relation Relations Committee* (two positions) *Membership Chair*, and *Visitation Chair*. If you are interested in serving any of the positions that remain open on the Leadership Roster for 2024, please contact pastor Gary either by cell 410-963-8618 or email- pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

Worship Committee

March 17 - Dedication of Pews and choir plaque during 11:00 Worship Service followed by covered dish luncheon Outreach will provide fried chicken and drinks

March 24 - Palm Sunday Cantata

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service - 7PM - Light fare

March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service 7AM behind the Parsonage followed by covered dish breakfast in Fellowship Hall Regular Easter Service - 11AM

April 7 -Pastor Gary on vacation. Pastor Floyd from the Rescue Mission to give the sermon

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

Last Day For Sunday School

May 26 - Memorial Day Recognition

June 2 - First Day of Summer Schedule - 10AM Choir Day

UMW

Sunday School Report

On March 3rd all of the Sunday School teachers will be meeting and planning for Easter large group on March 24. Then they will be planning for Vacation Bible School and schedule a date. Sunday School will end for the summer on May 19th.

Trustees

Dean agreed to continue as Chair for 2024, and Linda Yost agreed to be Secretary for 2024. The Vice Chair position is vacant. Both Dean and Linda were voted in by consensus.

Dean reviewed and updated the Trustee Assignments Sheet.

There was discussion on changing from Ehrlich Pest Control to Excello Extermination Co., as Ehrlich has been and continues to raise prices. Excello will be engaged sometime in June 2024.

Brenda Hess, SPRC Chair, did a church walk-around with Calvin Lucy, our custodian. She has a list of concerns that the Trustees have or will be addressing.

Linda said she would continue to open and close the church on Sunday mornings. Randy will be her back-up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Gary reported that the Emergency Lighting at the top of the stairs going into the Sanctuary needed a new battery. He replaced this and the buzzing has stopped.
- Gary also met with a representative from Superior Roofing who had replaced the entire Education Wing and entry roof. There was a leak at the seam between the entry area and the Fellowship Hall. The rep caulked the suspect areas free of charge, as the entire roof is under warranty.
- Linda reported that after the extremely heavy rain a month previous, Calvin Lucy, Custodian, cleaned up a fair amount of water in the Choir room. Denny suggested that the downspouts may be clogged and need to be looked at.

NEW BUSINESS:

- March 17th – Pew dedication, Choir plaque dedication, covered-dish luncheon.

Vicky Wilmer closed in prayer.



Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

North Carroll Cooperative Parish / Speaker Pastor Melissa Rudolph

Please join us this evening to meet with Pastor Melissa Rudolph to discuss our way going forward. There will be many questions to ask Pastor Melissa. There are two options for getting your questions answered by Pastor Melissa. They are the following:

Option #1:

Write down one or two questions that you would like answered concerning the change to a Cooperative Parrish and either bring your questions to any church worship services prior to the Town Hall meeting and give to anyone of our SPRC committee members Brenda Hess, Dave Hudgins, Cherly Gore, Jeff Zachman, Linda Hollman, or Matt Otwell. You can also leave your questions in the Church office and place them in the SPRC mail slot.

Again, if you are not able to attend that evening, please still submit your questions to one of our SPRC members on any Sunday worship service prior to the Town Hall Meeting.

Option #2:

Bring your questions to the meeting the evening of the Town Hall meeting. Cards will also be available at the door when you arrive that evening where you can write your questions down to be asked. Please forward your questions to any SPRC member. Committee members: Brenda Hess, Jeff Zachman, Dave Hudgins, Cherly Gore, Matt Otwell and Linda Hollman. Refreshments will be served.

This is a very important meeting for Wesley United Methodist Church, I hope to see you all there.

Thank you.

Brenda Hess, SPRC Chairperson

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Fellowship
 Time
 11:00 AM Worship

April 2024



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Trustees
7 pm
 Boy Scouts
7:30pm

Choir 7 pm

Boy Scouts
Auction
9am – 5pm
@ Snyder's
Auction
House

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2nd Sunday after Easter
 Regular Worship
 Schedule
Holy Communion

Small Group
in Library &
Fellowship
Hall
6:30-9pm

SPRC Meeting
(ZOOM) 7PM

 Boy Scouts
7:30pm

Choir 7pm

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3rd Sunday after Easter
 Regular Worship
 Schedule



UMM
Breakfast
7:30am @
Dutch Corner

 Girl Scouts
7pm

Townhall
Meeting
7pm

 Boy Scouts
Leadership
7:30pm
*Choir Room

United
Women in
Faith
11am

 Choir 7pm

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4th Sunday after Easter
 Regular Worship
 Schedule

Small Group
in Library &
Fellowship
Hall
6:30-9pm
Passover

Boy Scouts
7:30pm

Choir 7pm

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5th Sunday after Easter
 Regular Worship
 Schedule

Boy Scouts
7:30pm

Choir 7pm

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



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

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
 9am – 2pm

Worship Participants for April:

- April 7: **Greeters**—Dennis Rill and Randy Kurtz **Liturgist**— Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill,
Acolyte— Need, A/V Team— Need
- April 14: **Greeters**—United Women in Faith, **Liturgist**—Linda Hollman
Acolyte— Need, A/V Team— Need
- April 21: **Greeters**—TBA, **Liturgist** — Laura Waltrup
Acolyte— Need, A/V Team— Need
- April 28: **Greeters**— Jan & Randy Kurtz, **Liturgist** — Michelle Hudgins,
Acolyte— Need, A/V Team— Need

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