

The Wesley Journal

Wesley United Methodist Church
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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.

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Andy Davenport & Linda Raver ~ Lay Preachers

Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



October 2025



Birthdays



Norma Lou Beam	3
Megan Weaver	3
Leroy Schaefer	6
Roxanne Elmo	7
Travis Martin	7
Hanne Novotny	9
Sydney Miller Horner	12
Cindy Myatt	12
Linda Hollman	13
Earl Christiani	14
Kristen Miller	14
Betty Barr	17
Mindy Dehority	18
Joan Porterfield	19
Brenda Kennedy	28
RJ Gunnarsson, Jr.	29

Anniversaries



Justin & Angela Mahosky	3
Scott & Stacey Stauffer	12
Steve & Amanda Hannon	12
Jeff & Jan Graf	13
Leif & Ashley Jansson	19
Bryce & Serita Kuhn	25





Wesley UMC Outreach Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 11:00 a.m. – via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Michelle Hudgins, Linda Yost, Brenda Kennedy, Connie Wiegel

Jan opened the meeting at 11a.m. It has been 24 years since the tragedies of 9/11. Some of our committee saw American flags being displayed on tractors and other places. One man was running with an American flag near a local school. 9/11 needs to be taught in our school history curriculum.

Discussed the possibility of obtaining more Committee members. Suggested various folks to ask.

Treasurer's Report

Linda reported that as of Sept. 11, 2025, the current total in the Outreach checking account was 1,999.70. There is a monthly debit withdrawal of \$43 to Compassion Child. She had paid two quarterly payments to NESAP and Westminster Rescue Mission in August. Linda asked the protocol for reimbursing herself from the Outreach account for the backpacks. It was agreed that she could write a check made payable to herself and then sign the check as well. Should make a note in the memo section that it is reimbursement for backpacks.

Last month Jan asked if we used funds from the Harrell Camping Ministry for Helping Up Missions camp. Had not as of that meeting. (After meeting, Linda spoke with Dave. They agreed that it was too late in the year to send camp donation, but would keep it in mind for 2026.)

Jan asked how much money we pay out each year. \$400 Westminster; \$500 NESAP; \$135 back packs; 560 Compassion Child; postage for Christmas Child boxes; college students (\$25.00 per college student twice a year) Decided our giving parameters will be to children and grandchildren of church members. Linda will send a greeting card and also a Christian bookmark or Bible verse along with the gift card. Will place a request for names now in the Wesley Announcements and the Journal. Will send out in late October/early November and also in February.

Meals

Westminster Rescue Mission meal. Will see how much soup is left over from the Bazaar and can donate it to the Mission. Janet will talk to the person in charge of meals and see how many are in residence.

Night By Night Shelter

Janet has not been receiving very much for the shelter. She is wondering if we should drop it at this point. She will check to see what their needs are at this time.

Wesley Pantry

Linda will call Stephanie Halley to ask about whether the Westminster Rescue Mission could help stock our pantry. Janet said that due to regulations, the Mission cannot stock pantries that are outside and unsupervised.

New Business

- Cookie walk – Will be on cantata Sunday. Date to be determined.
- January soup sale - Date to be determined.
- Jan attends the Caring Parish meeting every month. Spoke about different things being collected parish-wide. Two of those items are diapers for the Diaper Bank and pet food for those unable to provide food for their pets.
- If the Night-by-Night Shelter needs blankets, it can be advertised in the Grow Guide to go out to the whole parish.
- NESAP Wesley canned goods collection – Nov. 2 – 23, 2025. Janet will need help loading these goods into her car on the 23rd, and also decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas that day.

- **Christmas Bazaar** –Bazaar date is **Saturday, November 1, 2025.** Janet is worried that repeat vendors aren't stepping up this year. There are not any new ones. Deadline for vendors to purchase a spot is first Saturday of October. Have just 6 that have signed up. Used 24 tables last year. Janet will go with Jan to the Pulse meeting to talk-up our Bazaar. She would like some kind of hook or some exciting thing to bring people in. Didn't have as many folks for 2nd Bazaar as 1st Bazaar. She suggested having churches in the parish decorate a tree or a wreath to vote on. Yard signs are ready to go out now. Jan said she will take signs up to the Sanctuary and have them available for folks to take. Northern News article will be going out in early October. Cheryl Gore was asked to advertise in Facebook. Next Bazaar meeting is Sept. 28th after church.
- Ad Council will be held on Sept. 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.
- Next Outreach meeting – November 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Yost, Secretary/Treasurer



Wesley United Women in Faith met on September 18th with 8 members present. We spent time finishing our mission project for Operation Christmas Child. We also looked at our crafts for our November 1st Christmas Bazaar.

We are selling Boscov's coupons again this year. The date for the outing is October 22. For \$5.00 the coupon is worth 25% off. The coupons we sell help us to be able to do our mission work.

We look forward to a fun year together serving our community and continuing our mission work. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting is October 16, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall.

Connie Weigel, President



Wesley United Methodist Church
 Administrative Council Meeting
 September 24, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Dave Hudgins, Michelle Hudgins, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Denny Rill, Connie Wiegel, John Sies, Janet Martin, Brenda Hess, Brenda Kennedy, Pastor Melissa Rudolph

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and Pastor Melissa offered up a prayer.

Committee Reports

Pastor Melissa Rudolph

- Reported on the joint parish meeting of Pulse and SPRC which came up with recommendations and guidelines for clergy compensation for the coming year. Hoped that any increases could be covered by the surplus in the parish treasury, which has been the case over the last few years, however, in doing so at this point, those funds would be exhausted in 2026. Zach, the parish treasurer, has put together some different models as to how the cost-of-living adjustments will affect the pay-in for each congregation. Dave Hudgins will be having a meeting with Zach this week to discuss this. There were multiple models that showed the various possibilities for how to we could do the cost-of-living adjustments that go into the clergy salaries. Zach gave us some that involved utilizing the entirety of the funds, some half of the funds, and one that adjusts the percentage rates for all 8 of the churches in the parish. He had sent that out to all the finance chairs. Dave believes the increase for Wesley will be approximately \$1500 more per year. The discussion at the meeting will determine which model they all would be comfortable with. This increase is to cover cost-of- living increases for Pastor Melissa, Pastor John and Pastor Jerry. Now have Malory Mcfeeney as new parish administrator. She will join on Sept. 29th. She had been in training and then her mother suddenly passed away from a stroke. As a good will gesture, she was given a week of bereavement pay due to her loss. Because of this later start date, she won't be very helpful getting our Charge Conference forms together. Melissa is working with all the churches to get things submitted by October 1st. Need to get a new code for Wesley UMC for access to some of the forms. **Our Church Conference is Oct. 18th at 1 pm at Towson UMC.** Melissa is seeking clarity as to how this is going to operate. Our hub has historically done this as one, so she needs more information on the structure of the Church Conference. We will meet our new Reservoir District Superintendent, [Eliezer Valentín-Castañón](#). **All church members are invited to attend. If you would like to carpool to Towson UMC, please contact Jan Kurtz.**

- Looking forward to the joint World Communion Sunday service on October 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Grace UMC. Hoping that the pastor in Malawi can join in live via ZOOM. After the service there will be some discussion on having a joint Live Nativity during the Christmas season and some other parish initiatives. Jan informed the Council that Wesley and St. John's will have a combined choir for the Christmas cantata.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – August meeting: Brenda Hess, Chairperson

- Custodian Job Description and job checklist have been updated. Was considering bringing in a cleaning crew to help. Trustees said not at this time.
- Church Organist job description has been updated and approved by this committee.
- Ann Chilson has agreed to fill in for Jeff if he needs a Sunday off and she will perform at no cost to the church. Gift to Wesley.
- Dave Hudgins and I will be attending the Pulse and SPRC meeting on September 15th 2025 at Greenmount Church, hosted by Pastor Melissa Rudolph.
- There will be no SPRC meeting in September or October.
- Church staff evaluations will be conducted in October.
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month- Brenda will contact Cherie, our Administrative Assistant and have her add a note in the October Wesley Announcements and Journal to remind the congregation.
- Our next SPRC meeting will be held on November 11th. We will be discussing our Christmas year-end giving for staff, pastors and special missions.

Trustees: Linda Yost, member

- Duct work under the Sanctuary was dripping condensation during the humid summer. A young man, Mr. Stocksdale from Tm Kyle Electric who had gone to church here, wrapped the ducts. Will keep an eye on whether or not we need to wrap the remaining ductwork.
- Had discussed finding someone to do a service plan for all our heat pump units, boilers, and mini splits. A rep from Tim Kyle Electric did a walk through. Estimate \$2151 per year for three oil burners (includes the parsonage), the kitchen A/C, classroom mini-splits, two heat pumps under the Sanctuary which includes routine maintenance, cleaning, nozzle, filter and strainer on oil burners (cleaning and replacement), inspection and identifying of potential problems, performance checks, Will be obtaining additional estimates.
- Rent for the parsonage is now \$800 per month.
- The Fellowship Hall new flooring has been buckling up. Wondering if the problem was the glue they used. Carpet Workshop fixed most of the problem and has ordered additional supplies if more repair is needed. They are standing by their work. Will repair until it is satisfactory. Will keep an eye on it.
- Dean will order 12 new 8-foot tables for the Fellowship Hall. They are 30 inches wide. Can use some of the heavier tables in the classrooms. Those not needed immediately are being stored in the back storage area. All Trustees present were in favor of purchasing 12 new tables.
- Sanctuary front doors have been painted. Weeds in the garden beds have been pulled.
- Articles of Incorporation paperwork for the cemetery have been filed with the IRS. Will take anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months for response.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Finance Committee: Dave Hudgins, Church Treasurer – Reports available upon request.

- Balance sheet – total operating fund cash is at a healthy balance.
- Finance met in August and will again meet in October. Discussed an interest-bearing fund for a small portion of our extra cash.
- Profit and Loss – Total income: Main giving is down 7.6% as of August. Employee Credit Retention (ERC) refund has helped with our income. This will be the last year for this refund.
- Budget for 2026 – will probably lower our expectation of income.
- Electric cost is higher than budgeted.
- Wesley Improvement Project (WIP): Includes Fellowship Hall improvements and the 2024 A/C system for Sanctuary. Expenses were higher than planned. Trustees needs to be aware that there are no WIP funds remaining for future projects at this time.
- NCCP increase 2.5%. is in discussion among the parish churches.
- He will be asking church chairpersons for budget input in October. Wants to have the 2026 budget to present at Ad Council in November.
- Linda reported that Dawn's computer needed a new motherboard, which was replaced by a Dell tech. Computer is still under warranty so no cost. Infopathways was involved also, so there may be some fee forthcoming for their guidance.

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United Methodist Men's Group: Dave Hudgins, President

- UMM met in September last Tuesday and discussed some outreach opportunities. Unilaterally will support the Christmas Bazaar to serve breakfast.
- Will provide supper to Westminster Rescue Mission on October 12th. Also discussed providing funds for recovery bibles for their client.
- Discussed providing funds to stock the Wesley Food Pantry.
- Donation to VIP program on Carroll St. in Hampstead to help support Veterans housing needs. John Sies has discussed with local VA rep and they could use cash donations to purchase items not funded by grant money. Also spoke to Barbara Sater and she agreed that it could be mentioned that Wesley was Mike's home church and that the donation be given in honor of Mike Sater for his work years ago in helping to set up this program.
- By October will know how funds will be disbursed.

Christian Education- Jackie Otwell, Chairperson

- No Report

Outreach- Jan Kurtz, Chairperson

- Back packs and school supplies were delivered to NESAP.
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Worship: Janet Martin

- Worship Committee met in August. Worldwide Communion as a parish-wide service on October 5th at Grace UMC. There will be no Sunday School or Worship at Wesley. Will hang a sign on our Sanctuary door handle and also outside Fellowship Hall.
- Nov. 2 – Will celebrate All Saints' Day during worship.
- Nov. 9 - Will honor Veterans during worship.
- Nov. 23rd – will decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas after worship.
- Cantata may be as follows: Dec. 14th at Wesley, Dec. 21st at St. John's
- Christmas Pageant on Dec. 21st during worship
- Christmas Eve worship services to be held at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- Live Nativity - discussing holding it inside or at a barn.

United Women in Faith – Connie Wiegel, President

- Had the first fall meeting on Sept. 18th at 11 a.m. As a Mission Project, the women finished assembling the girls' menstrual kits (has 8 reusable pads, pouches, hanging strips for drying, and underwear.) These 12 kits will be placed in Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for distribution where needed. Also, the women assessed what Christmas crafts were still available for sale at the Christmas Bazaar.
- Took pictures and will submit for
- Oct. 16th meet again
- Boscov's coupons for their Mission Day
- District UWFaith meeting at Salem UMC

New Business

Christmas Bazaar –Bazaar date is **Saturday, November 1, 2025, 8 am – 2 pm**

- Christmas Bazaar meeting this Sunday, September 28th, after worship.
- Bazaar signs have been distributed.
- Need to locate the large banner
- Jan wrote an article and sent it into Northern News with a picture of the front of the church taken by Randy.
- Have 10 confirmed vendors. About 5 more we are waiting on. Dave and Jan have contacted a number of vendors to see if they are interested.
- Cheryl Gore has done a good job posting on Facebook. Could list vendors on our Facebook page later in October.

Prayer concerns for this week:

Ann Chilson – back issues

Greg Horner – arm surgery

Bridget Tozer – breast cancer surgery

Susan Stawick – hip replacement surgery

Next meeting November 19th, via ZOOM (no October meeting.)

Pastor Melissa closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda S. Yost, Secretary



Conclusion of the Minutes

Parish Wide Joint Worship Service



Sunday, October 5 @ 10 am
Grace United Methodist Church
4618 Black Rock Road

There will be NO service at Wesley
(Sunday School, Fellowship or Worship)

Family & Friends to Keep in Prayer

(Cards & Calls Welcome!)

Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill & Denny Rill

3674 Stewartstown Road
Stewartstown, PA 17363

Shirley Rytel

15 Pheasant Ridge Road
Hanover, PA 17331

John & Stephanie Halley

30 Fitzhugh Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157

Jean Colton

Longview Nursing Home
Room 214B
3332 Main Street
Manchester, MD 21102



Prayers For Individuals & Families

- † **Greg Horner** – thanks for all the prayers. He is slowly healing from his fall. Also, Greg will be having surgery to correct an arm issue this week.
- † **Bridget Tozer**, daughter of Patty & Wilson Harris, will be having surgery on Wednesday to treat her breast cancer
- † **Jill** who has had a recurrence of an aggressive form of cancer. Prayers also for her caregivers.
- † **Madison Harris' grandmother** had an aneurism burst. Prayers for the family as they are sitting vigil.
- † **Kim & Phil Peake** have sold & settled on their house in Hampstead and are settling into their new home in Georgia.
- † Rev. Amy's daughter, **Sarah and husband** are leaving soon on a delayed honeymoon in Germany.
- † **Charlie Kirk's family** and for divisions to heal in our society
- † **Ken & Steve Tracy** who are continuing their cancer treatments
- † Davona Palmer's mother, **Nancy Gross**, who fell and is in rehab
- † Brenda Hess' **Uncle George** who fell and broke his hip. He is in rehab as he recovers.
- † **Andy Smith** – continued prayers for his safety as he begins his one-year assignment in Bahrain.
- † Continued prayers for **Craig Schubert** who was transferred to a new mental health facility in Florida. He is now agreeing to take his medication.
- † **Curtis Gore**, who recently began chemo treatments and needs our prayers of support.
- † Victims & families of ongoing wars
- † The family of little 2-year-old **Sophia** continues to ask for prayers for her

Fellowship Schedule 2025-2026

October – 4th/5th/6th Grade Sunday School Class
 November – 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Sunday School Class
 December – United Methodist Men
 January – Adult Sunday School Class
 February – Membership
 March – United Women in Faith
 April – Outreach Committee
 May – Worship Committee



Kindly provide paper goods, snacks & drinks for your month. Thank you!!

Calling All College Students!

If you are a Wesley Church member/pastor and have a child or grandchild in college, whether they be far from home or attending a local community college, please contact Linda Yost at LJYost@verizon.net or 443-605-8295 with their mailing address.



Wesley's Outreach Committee would like to keep in contact with them during the coming year. Also, if your student was on our list before, please contact Linda to make sure that we have all of their updated information. May God bless our college students!



Operation Christmas Child 2025

Christmas is getting closer and so is Operation Christmas Child 2025!

There will be 3 ways to participate in this year's Annual Outreach Christmas project:

1. You can take a shoebox and fill it as you have in years past. Empty shoeboxes will be ready for **pickup** at church on **Sunday, October 5th** and should be **returned** to church by **Sunday, November 16th**. All directions will be inside each box. The shipping fee this year is \$10. If you are able, please place the money inside the box. Or you may scan or enter the code on your label to give your suggested \$10 donation online and activate tracking for your label. This step is not necessary to use the label, but it will allow you to discover the destination of your shoebox.
2. If you would like to contribute to the Outreach Committee, you may write a check directly to them. The Outreach Committee will use the money to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes and to help pay for postage of the boxes.
3. You can use the Operation Christmas Child online service to build your own shoebox. Each online shoebox costs \$25 (this includes the \$10 shipping fee.) Use the link below to get started.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Jan Kurtz at 443-340-6497 or Linda Yost at 443-605-8295.

The Outreach Committee deeply thanks everyone for their generosity and love for God's children.



Wesley's 2025 Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, November 1
8 am – 2 pm**

Please contact chairs below if you'd like to help!

Bazaar Chairs: Jan Kurtz/Dave Hudgins

Food: Connie Wiegel/Linda Yost

Bake Table: Brenda Hess

Advertising: Dave Hudgins

Decorations/Floor Plan: Brenda Kennedy/Janet Martin

Vendors: Brenda Kennedy/Janet Martin

Wesley Craft Table: Michelle Hudgins

Wesley Corner (formerly silent auction): Roxane Brewer

Security: Dean Brewer



*Our thoughts & prayers go out to the
family and friends of those who recently passed:*

Susan Baier

*Wife of Dave Baier,
both friends of Charolotte Gyory*

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Fellowship
 11:00 am Worship

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Trustees 7 pm Zoom	2 Choir 7 pm	3	4
5 Grace UMC 10 am Worship No service at Wesley	6	7	8	9 Choir 7 pm	10	11
12 18 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	13	14	15 Finance 7 pm Zoom	16 UWFaith 11 am FH Choir 7 pm	17	18 Church Conference 1pm Towson UMC
19 19 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	20	21 UMM 8 am Dutch Corner	22	23 Choir 7pm	24	25
26 20 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	27	28	29	30 Choir 7 pm	31	

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



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

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October 5

Worship Service at Grace UMC
10:00 am

NO SERVICES AT WESLEY

October 12

Greeters: UWFaith
Worship Leader: Michelle Hudgins
Organist: Jeff Horner

Worship Participants



October 19

Greeters: Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl
DeVilbiss

Worship Leader: Jeff Zachman
Organist: Jeff Horner

October 26

Greeters: Jan & Randy Kurtz
Worship Leader: Linda Yost
Organist: Jeff Horner

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