

# 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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Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



# January 2026



## Birthdays

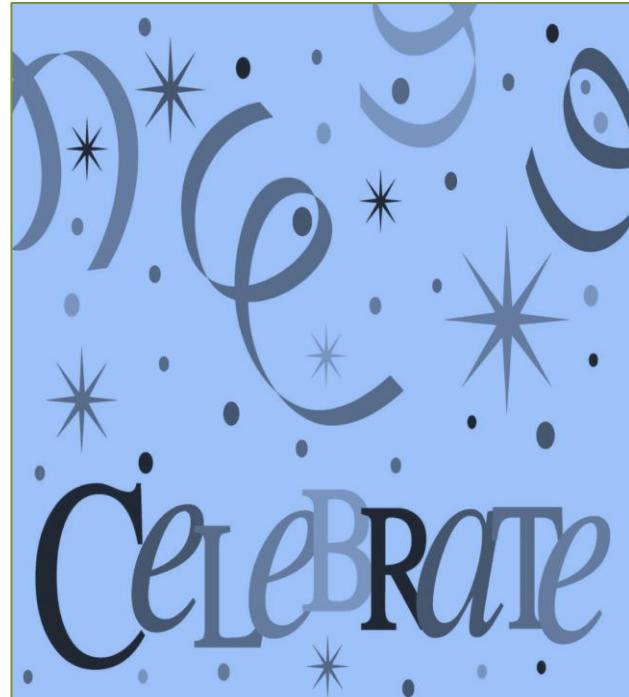


Bonnie Christiani	1
Dennis Rill	3
Kim Peake	5
Jan Kurtz	6
Bill Connor	7
Evan Mahosky	9
Donald Lippy	10
Zeke Halley	14
David Graf	17
Tracey Rill	17
Drew Hohmes	18
George Brooks	18
Roy Rill	19
Sandy Cole	19
Taylor Miller Horner	20
Joshua Ejk	21
Bradley Rill	22
Brady Jansson	25
Janet Martin	26
Gary Wilmer	27
Darilyn Thompson	28
Irene Davis	28
Keegan Rill	28
Scott Palmer	30
Aaron Horner	31
Charlotte Gyory	31

## Anniversaries



Earl & Bonnie Christiani	20
Gregory & Courtney Horner	25



# 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

- † The families of **Cash Owings and Seven Rupp**, local teenagers who were killed in a car accident recently.
- † The **Law Enforcement** who deal with youth fatalities on the roads far too often.
- † **Betty Barr** and **Cindy Barr** as they get over the flu
- † Traveling mercies for **Stephanie Smith** on her travels right after Christmas to visit with her husband, Andy in Bahrain.
- † Safety and better decisions for Rob the Rockstar Hobo as he continues to choose unsafe places to live on various streets & corners around Hampstead.
- † **A Joy! Brenda & John Hess** are first time grandparents! Their son Chris & wife have a daughter, Sedona Rae, who was born recently and weighed in at 7 lbs 3 oz & 20 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well.
- † **Tracey Rill** has completed her radiation treatments and doctors are working on next steps. All the prayers are very much appreciated.
- † **The Feltkamp family** who recently lost their 3-year-old daughter Sofia to cancer
- † Jonathan Yost's brother, **David** will be having heart ablation soon to correct Afib in two of his heart chambers.
- † **Davona Palmer's mom** is now home from the hospital. Prayers for healing and patience.
- † Doctors have repaired Charlotte Gyory's friend, **Smitty's** brain bleed. He remains under doctor's care.
- † Randy Kurtz's sister, **Melody** is having ongoing pain issues with her back. Prayers for relief.
- † **The family of Patrick Little (62)** who was killed in a fatal car crash on Hanover Pike at Lees Mill Road last Thursday evening
- † **John Halley** recently had hernia repair surgery and reversal of his ostomy bag.
- † **Kristin Reilly**, daughter of Ruth & Carl, continues to have heart problems. Prayers are greatly appreciated.
- † Linda Hollman is asking for prayers for a friend, **Jane** who is having mental and behavioral issues.
- † Linda Hollman requests prayers for her friends, **Joan & Jim**, who are undergoing cancer treatments.

**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**November 19, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM**



Members present: Jan Kurtz, Dave Hudgins, Michelle Hudgins, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Denny Rill, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, Linda Hollman,

Excused: Connie Wiegel, Pastor Melissa Rudolph, Jackie Otwell, Brenda Hess

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**Committee Reports**

**Pastor Melissa Rudolph – via email**

- 1) We are planning for Wesley to have Christmas Eve services at 4 and 11.
- 2) Nominations— if there is anyone who would like to roll off of a committee this year, let me know. We can fill the vacancy and approve it at the next meeting. Currently, Wesley is the only church in the parish that is not operating under the single board model. If there is interest in moving toward that model, we can have discussions in the New Year. But, since the committees are so well-organized and functional, I will leave that up to the board. We will be having regular meetings of our HUB/ Pulse team, so we do need two individuals to represent Wesley at those in the coming year. The schedule will be complete in January.
- 3) I am forming a parish wide team for our Malawi partnership, so I welcome participation.
- 4) Today I got word that our parish will receive a grant of \$2250 from the Conference for a special initiative for young adult ministry. This is something I applied for last year and hadn't heard anything about, so I'm very excited that we are a recipient.

Many blessings to you!

Pastor Melissa

Jan is not sure how to go about nominations. Wesley doesn't have a large pool of people to pull from. We have to decide how to go about this. The pastor is supposed to chair this committee. Janet suggested that each committee meet and the Chair ask if the members would be willing to serve another year. We all need clarification on the One Board model. Need to see how other churches in the NCCP operate on this model. Suggested someone attend one of their meetings. Will table this discussion for now.

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

- report for 11/11/2025
- 5 members in attendance
- (2) Staff members' evaluations completed.
- Jeff Horner requested to have one Sunday a month off. Anne Chillson will fill in for Jeff Horner and play organ or piano on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month starting on January 25th.
- Dave Hudgins discussed salary adjustments for church staff.
- Wesley Christmas Giving letters have been sent out to congregation.
- Our next SPRC mtg will meet next January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 via Zoom connection.

## Trustees: Linda Yost, member

- Repairs have been completed by Aero on the Education Wing boiler. Need to set up a service plan early in 2026 for all our units as described below.
- 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.
- The Fellowship Hall new flooring has been buckling up. 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.
- Articles of Incorporation paperwork for the cemetery has been filed with the IRS. Will take anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months for response.
- Searching for new bids on mowing of the church and cemetery.
- May need to check if the Weavers will be shoveling the sidewalks and steps. The parking lot is taken care of by the Lippy family.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 7 p.m. in person at the church.

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

- Reviewed Balance Sheet.
- Reviewed yields for General Endowment Fund (RBC Account) and Cemetery Account (RBC).
- Discussed an interest-bearing fund for a small portion of our extra cash. Suggested putting some funds into either in another RBC account or a CD account.
- Ad Council members agreed to leave this decision up to Dave's discretion.
- Reviewed YTD v. Budget through October
- ERC refunds have helped us this year. There is one more pending which we may or may not receive.
- Reviewed General Funds receipts and expenses.
- Net Income is to the good, with the help of the ERC refunds.
- **Draft of 2026 Budget presented for review.**
- Parsonage rental will remain the same for 2026, May revisit Parsonage rental for 2027.
- NCCP salary increase will be approximately 2.5%.
- If Cemetery breaks off from Church, then mowing expenses will be divided.
- We are looking at a deficit in 2026. Hoping to have an increase in income. May need to shift funds as needed.

- May need to do a second fundraiser in addition to the Christmas Bazaar.
- Janet Martin moved to approve the budget as presented. Linda Hollman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Janet asked if our church could have our own Venmo account. Dave will check on that.

### **United Methodist Men's Group: Dave Hudgins, President**

- UMM met in October and November with nice breakfast meetings.
- Provide supper to Westminster Rescue Mission in October.
- Made a \$200 donation to Westminster Rescue Mission for recovery bibles for their client.
- Made a \$150 donation to stock the Wesley Food Pantry. Greg and Connie Wiegel will take care of this.
- \$500 donated to VIP program on Carroll St. in Hampstead to help support Veterans housing needs. John Sies has the check. He and Greg Wiegel will make a presentation to be given in honor of Mike Sater for his work years ago in helping to set up this program.
- Supported the Bazaar by providing breakfast and will provide snacks for Fellowship in December.
- They will also handle the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Had a nice turnout for the Christmas Bazaar and support in set up and clean up by Scouts. Disbursement checks to Church, Outreach, UWFaith and UMM will be given out in December. A bit smaller profit this year than last.
- Dave will reach out to Vicky for a breakdown of income.

### **Christian Education- Jackie Otwell, Chairperson**

- Had a Thanksgiving children's Sunday School gathering on Nov. 15
- Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sun., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Will have a Christmas children's Sunday School gathering on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Outreach- Jan Kurtz, Chairperson**

- Linda sent out gift cards to the college students.
- Westminster Rescue Mission meal. Outreach will provide a number of side dishes for Thanksgiving.
- A number of parish churches will provide meals to WRM between Christmas and New Years.
- Wesley Pantry is being well-stocked.
- Janet will check to see the needs of the Night by Night Shelter at this time. Have 60 plus people.
- Cookie walk – Will be on Wesley cantata Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Choir will be singing cantata with St. John's Choir. Will present cantata on Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Wesley, and on Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at St. John's.
- 47 boxes donated for Operation Christmas Child.
- Christmas caroling is tbd.
- Have 2 Christmas families – are collecting gifts for them.

### **Worship: Janet Martin**

- Last Sunday for NESAP Wesley canned goods collection is this Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025. Janet will need help loading these goods into her car on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – After canned goods are loaded into Janet's car, the Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas.
- Children's Pageant and Communion on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Cantata – “Night of the Father’s Love” on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Wesley and the Cookie Walk
- Cantata - Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at St. John’s
- Live Nativity on the evening of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> in a barn at a local farm near Grace UMC.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services to be held at 4 p.m. (Family Service) and 11 p.m. Encourage Sunday School families to bring their children to the 4 p.m. service.

#### **United Women in Faith – Connie Wiegel, President**

- Will meet tomorrow and collect our Thank Offering.

#### **New Business**

- Jan and Randy were approached by a man whose son has done Flea Market Fundraisers for different locations. He goes and finds vendors. We could have it in the spring. This would be outside. Can talk about it in January.

**Next meeting January 28, 2026.**

Jan closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:  
Linda S. Yost, Secretary

Due to a snow storm canceling church on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cookie Walk was held on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
The Wesley Choir Christmas Cantata was rescheduled for December 28, 2025.

*Conclusion of:*





The United Women in Faith met on Thursday, December 18th to celebrate our Lord's birthday. We met at our church with twelve members in attendance. Linda Hollman provided us with a wonderful luncheon. We exchanged gifts by doing a fun game with Cindy Myatt leading us.

We agreed to assemble hygiene kits for the Night by Night Shelter in January. Linda Yost will take charge in obtaining everything we will need to assemble them. We hope to get 50 provided. Janet Martin will provide our dessert for us and Brenda Hess will lead the meeting for Connie. We will approve our budget for the new year.

Our meetings are open to every lady in our Parrish. We meet every third Thursday at 11 am in the social hall. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Submitted by  
Connie Wiegel  
President





Planned giving is the arrangement of a charitable donation that is made in the present but that will be allocated at a future date. Planned gifts are often arranged through a will or trust and can be used to preserve your legacy and support the church and help it to reach its goals even after you have left this earth.

Planned gifts are often the largest donations that a church or other charitable organization receives and have a major positive impact on allowing the church to continue to carry out its vision to be a community filled with the hope and love of Jesus and to achieve its mission to make disciples by growing & learning, worshiping & praying and serving & connecting.

Wesley Church has an Endowment Fund which was begun in 2018 and is designed to receive legacy donations which are continuously invested to generate income. This is an excellent way to make donations that will continue to bless the church for years to come.

Please consider making donations to this fund in your legacy planning. For further information email us at [Wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:Wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org) and consult your estate planner, attorney, or tax advisor. Informational pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

# Fellowship Schedule

## 2026

**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!!



*Our thoughts & prayers go out to the families of those who recently passed:*

***Sofia Feltkamp*** (3-year-old)

***Cash Owings*** (teen)

***Seven Rupp*** (teen)

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3
4 <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 11:00 am Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	12	13	14 Outreach SPRC 7 pm Zoom	15 UWFaith 11 am FH	16	17
18 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	19	20 UMM 8 am Dutch Corner	21	22	23	24
25 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	26	27	28 Ad Council 7 pm	29	30	31

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

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**Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday Evenings ~ virtual  
Thursday Afternoons ~ in office

## Worship Participants

### January 4

**Greeters:** Dennis Rill & Randy Kurtz

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### January 11

**Greeters:** UWFaith

**Worship Leader:** Linda Hollman

**Organist:** Jeff Horner



### January 18

**Greeters:** TBA

**Worship Leader:** TBA

**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### January 25

**Greeters:** Randy & Jan Kurtz

**Worship Leader:** TBA

**Organist:** Anne Chillson

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