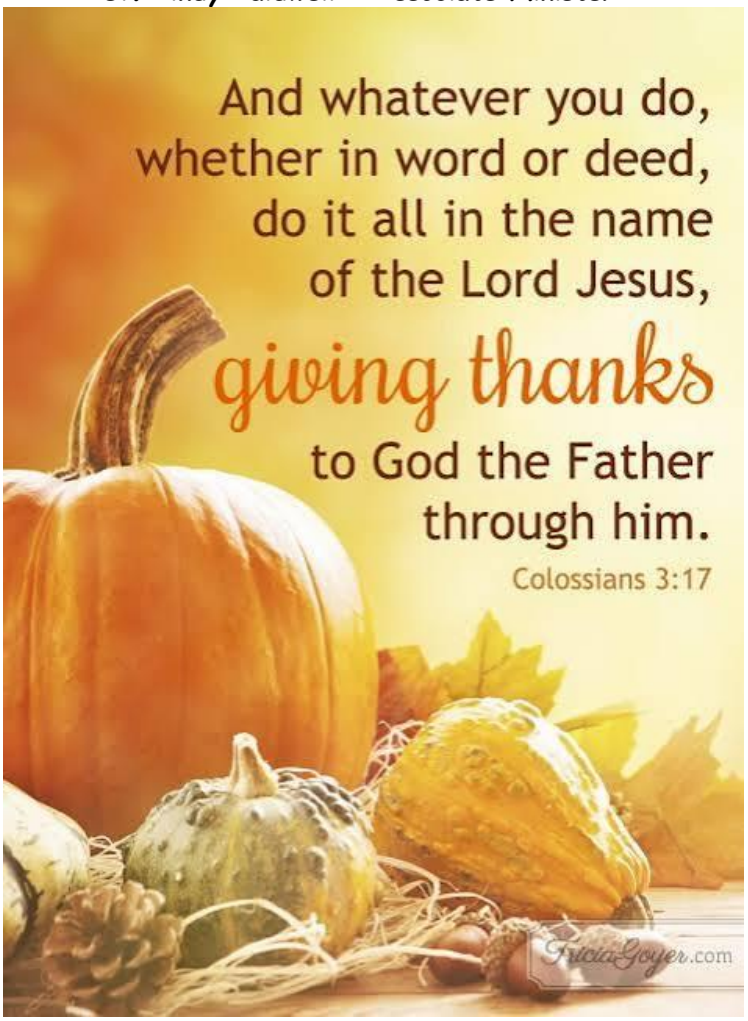
The Wesley Journal

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Andy Davenport & Linda Raver ~ Lay Preachers
Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



November 2026



Birthdays

Jerrett Peake	2
John Hess	4
Leif Jansson	4
Jessica Sellman	8
Michael Rill	9
Brenda Hess	15
Christie Ejk	16
Kate Ejk	16
Marty Joiner	18
Stephanie Smith	18
Evie Zilberman	18
Cheryl Rill	19
Eric Zilberman	22

Anniversaries

Wayne & Peggy Horner	16





Congratulations to our bookkeeper, Dawn McFadden on the published release of her book *Beautifully Shattered: The Redeeming Power of Faith.* It is Dawn's story of how she finally stopped running from her past, from her pain, and from the God who had been waiting for her all along.

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

Earl & Bonnie Christiani
244 S. Houcksville Road
Hampstead, MD 21074



Joys and Concerns

† Requesting prayers for **Kristen Reilly**, daughter of Ruth & Carl Rill. Her heart/lung surgery on October 23 did not turn out as the doctors had hoped. Prayers are needed.

† Linda Hollman's friend, **Jill**, passed away after a valiant battle with breast cancer. Prayers of support are needed for her family and friends.

† Please pray for Charlotte Gyory's younger sister, **Darlene,** who has been admitted into a Memory Care facility in North Carolina. Darlene's husband, Ralph, will be entering Assisted Living at the same facility. Darlene's son recently had cancer surgery in New York City and should be returning to North Carolina this week.

† **Glenn Elseroad** had an extensive throat evaluation last week and will have surgery on November 16th. Pray for patience as he and Ruth wait for the surgery and for complete and rapid healing.

Joy! **Janet Martin** was worshiping in church on Sunday! She is feeling much better.

Joy! Jeff and Jan Zachman's daughter, Olivia has passed the Bar Exam and will receive her license to practice law in the State of Maryland!

Joy! **Sarah**, an extended family member of Charlotte Gyory's, gave birth in the back seat of their car while her husband was driving her to the birthing center. The baby boy is named Zachariah and he weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

† Breiah Graf's **health teacher** will be having surgery soon and will be out for a month. Prayers for healing.

Joy! Rev. Amy's daughter, **Ellen** gave birth to a baby girl on October 21. She weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. and her name is Penelope Ellena. We welcome Rev. Amy's new granddaughter!

† Continued prayers for Gladys Smith's nephew, **Steve** and her brother **Ken** who are not doing well with the chemo treatments. Prayers of support also for **Linda,** Ken's wife, during this difficult time.

† Linda Yost's sister, **Elaine** had surgery on October 29th to remove her larynx, which should eliminate all the cancer. Please pray for the best possible outcome.



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

Brian Rill

Jill

Friend of Linda Hollman



ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Charge Conference

including Ad Council

Tuesday, November 10

7 pm at Wesley



Administrative Council Minutes – October 28, 2026, 7 p.m. via ZOOM

Attendees: Jan Kurtz, Pastor Melissa Rudolph, Brenda Kennedy, Connie Wiegel, Michelle Hudgins, Dave Hudgins, Denny Rill, Brenda Hess, Janet Martin, Linda Hollman, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost

Jan Kurtz, Chair, asked Pastor Melissa Rudolph to open the meeting with prayer at 7:06 pm.

Committee Reports

Pastor's Report – Rev. Dr. Melissa Rudolph

- Our Charge Conference has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley. Rev. Cindy Caldwell will be presiding.
- There has been a resolution to the lawsuit; judgment came out in favor of the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC. Pastor Melissa clarified that Grace and Miller's remain involved and will appeal to a higher court while Bixler's has dropped out. Ministry attention will gradually decrease for churches actively involved in the lawsuit.
- Dave and the group also discussed the possibility of moving to a single board model in the future to reduce the number of meetings. Linda provided an update on the parsonage, noting that electrical repairs were underway and that several issues, including a non-working oven and lack of hot water, needed to be addressed before renting. The group also discussed and approved a trial rental of the church kitchen to Brian Roche for his catering business, with a one-year trial period and a requirement for a contract and insurance. Pastor Melissa gave updates on the upcoming church conference and Christmas Eve services, and the group discussed the status of a lawsuit involving other churches. Other updates included the Christmas Bazaar preparations, outreach activities, and a brief discussion of joys and concerns.

Finance Report – Reports available upon request. Dave Hudgins, Treasurer, reported:

- Dave had emailed members current financial reports and a draft 2027 budget. Will likely need to increase the amount for heating oil due to high oil prices.
- Dave will run the proposed budget scenario by the District Superintendent to determine if paying 25% of mission share payments is acceptable.
- **He is asking committee chairs to forward to him any new budget inputs by November 10th so the Ad Council can approve the budget for 2027 that evening after Church Conference.**
- Dave reported that the checking account balance had rebounded slightly, though income continued to lag the budget by about $3,000–$3,300, partly because parsonage rental income stopped at the end of August. The group discussed a stewardship message to address the gap and noted that giving had shifted more toward the cemetery and WIP funds. Dave moved to remove the requirement to transfer 10% of Building Fund donations to the Wesley Endowment Fund, effective January 1, 2026. This was voted on and passed. Jonathan clarified that the building fund essentially no longer exists as it was merged with WIP funds, and all WIP money now goes to current maintenance rather than building expansion. There is one checking account at Farmers and Merchants Bank for the Building Fund/WIP.

- Connie expressed concern over attendance. She felt we somehow need to attract more families to our church. Pastor Melissa acknowledged that while attracting families is important for long-term growth, we currently need more people of all ages to attend services. There are many other activities that families are involved with that keep them away from church.

United Methodist Men: Dave Hudgins, President

- Dave reported that the UMM continue to meet monthly for breakfast at the Dutch Corner Restaurant in Manchester. The men operated a popcorn machine at the recent OcSoberFest at the Westminster Rescue Mission, and will be cooking breakfast sandwiches for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. After some discussion, it was decided that the men will begin having pancake breakfasts sometime after the New Year, possibly in January.

Bazaar: Dave Hudgins and Jan Kurtz, Co-Coordinators

- Dave reported that 22 vendors are confirmed for inside spaces and one additional vendor will set up outside, occupying 31 total spaces. The group discussed timing for various activities, confirmed decorating details for Tuesday at 10 AM, Scouts setting up tables on Wednesday evening and soup making on Thursday at 9 AM. Community Corner donations are going well with various gift cards and baskets available for sale at the event. Crock pots will be used at the window to keep lunch food hot and readily available for serving.

Trustees Report – Linda Yost, President

- Linda reported multiple issues with the parsonage including a non-working oven, no hot water, and uncertain heat functionality which need to be addressed before the property can be rented again. The group discussed necessary repairs including smoke and carbon monoxide sensors required by law at a cost of approximately $1,000 as suggested by an electrician who assessed the electrical outlets and other electrical issues at the parsonage. The Trustees need to verify the actual condition of appliances and fixtures. They also addressed plans to remove unwanted furniture and equipment from the property, and a young man who is interested in renting would likely handle mowing and potentially other maintenance tasks. Final rental price and utility responsibilities are still being determined.
- Linda brought before the group from the Trustees a proposal for renting our church kitchen space and outdoor parking space to Brian Roche, who currently operates a food truck and catering business, Smokin Roche BBQ, out of Westminster Rescue Mission. Key requirements were established including health department inspections, proper insurance, cleaning protocols, and separate storage for his equipment. The group agreed to implement a one-year trial period to assess how the arrangement works before making a long-term commitment, with Brian responsible for meeting health department requirements and maintaining cleanliness standards. The group discussed the need to organize storage space and potentially remove unnecessary items like heavy plates and bowls to make storage room for Brian.
- Pastor Melissa offered to share template leases from a new conference committee she's joined, and the Trustees noted they also have a lease template from Westminster Rescue Mission that could be used as a reference. Dave mentioned they would share a draft rental agreement with the Ad Council for input before finalizing it.

Christian Education – Jan Kurtz, Sunday School Teacher

- Jan reported on Christian Education activities, including the older Sunday school class helping assemble cleanup buckets and their willingness to be involved in the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Brenda Hess, Chairperson

- Brenda Hess, SPRC Chair stated that the SPRC will meet again on Wed., November 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.
- **Brenda asked if there would be a mechanism to fill vacancies coming up in the church committees. Pastor Melissa committed to preparing a list of Administrative Council members representing various committees by November 10th.**

Outreach – Jan Kurtz, Chair

- Outreach thanks everyone for their donations of prescription pill bottles for overseas missions, and towels and blankets for the local animal shelter. We have concluded collecting these items. Operation Christmas Child boxes have been distributed and are due back to church no later than November 15th.
- Outreach will hold a Pie and Cobbler Sale after church on Sunday, November 22nd. A variety of pies will be available for purchase. First come, first served.

Worship – Janet Martin, Chairperson

- The Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 6th during worship. The Choir Cantata, entitled "Joy" by Joel Raney, will be performed twice as a joint choir presentation with St. John's UMC as follows: Dec. 13th at St. John's; Dec. 20th at Wesley with a Cookie Walk following.
  Christmas Eve Services will be held on December 24th, at both 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. The Youth will take part in the 4 p.m. service, and the Choir will sing at the 11 p.m. service.
- Janet will ask someone to type up a list of our Christmas activities to give to Bazaar vendors and attendees.

United Women in Faith

- Connie Wiegel, President reported that the Wesley United Women in Faith Wesley met on October 15 with 7 ladies in attendance. We approved our Treasurer's report that Michelle provided. Next month we will look over our budget for the 2027 year. Connie provided the Response moment entitled "A Sacred Pause", teaching us to pause and take time for ourselves. Linda Y. had our prayer calendar and missionary birthdays for the month of October. We have decided to wait until after the bazaar to participate in a new mission project. Next month we will have our Thank offering moment and program. We will provide funds for Madison Smith's January mission trip to Nicaragua. Our next meeting will be held on November 19th to approve the budget.
  We closed our meeting with our joys and concerns. Respectfully submitted, Connie Wiegel, President

New Business

- Keystone Gospel Quartet performance on November 8th, at Bixler's UMC.
- Christian movie screening of "Word and Deed" time and place to be determined.
- **Single Board Model Implementation Discussion -** The group discussed implementing a Single Board Model to combine the Trustees, SPRC, and Finance Committees into one
  Administrative Council meeting once monthly. Pastor Melissa explained that this approach works well at other churches, reducing the meeting burden while allowing for more integrated decision-making. The group agreed to explore this possibility further, with Brenda Hess suggesting they observe another church's single board meeting first. It was decided to try this out in January, date and time to be determined.
- Linda asked about summer camp plans for 2027, but Melissa indicated no decisions had been made yet as John is currently focused on confirmation classes. The meeting ended with several members sharing joys and concerns, including prayers for family members facing health challenges.

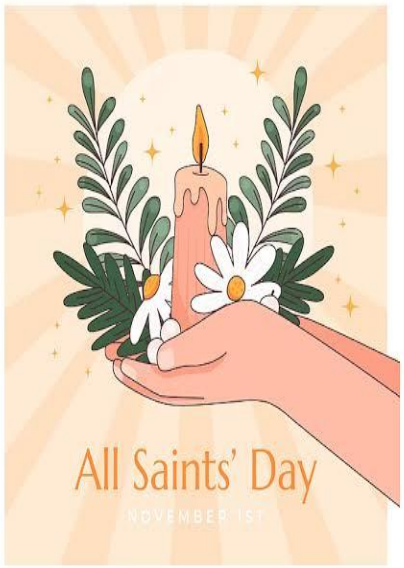
Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 7 p.m. Pastor Melissa closed the meeting with prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Yost, Secretary

Veterans Day



We will honor our Veterans with pictures & information of military family members on **November 8 and 15.** Items can be placed in the red, white and blue box in the back of the sanctuary.



All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

This important Christian holiday is to honor all those who have gone before us, whether family, friends, as well as our Wesley family members who have passed. It's important to give as members & friends of Wesley to assist in providing for the upkeep & care of the cemetery memorial stones. This can be done by making a donation in any amount to

Wesley United Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc.

Our Wesley Family

Betty Barr

James T. (Jim) Rill

Harvest Food Collection

This fall, please help our NESAP neighbors by bringing in some canned & non-perishable foods! We will collect food from October 25 - November 22. Thank you so much for contributing!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Canned Tomato Sauce ~ Rice ~ Canned Chili ~ Rice Sides ~ Hamburger Helper
Tuna ~ Pasta Sides Ramen ~ Mac & Cheese ~ Stuffing ~ Brownie Mix ~ Canned Fruit
Canned Peas ~ Cereal ~ Pop Tarts Breakfast Bars ~ Jelly ~ Pudding ~ Jello
Cranberry Sauce ~ Muffin Mix





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026!



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WESLEY OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE A VARIETY OF HOMEMADE PIES AND COBBLERS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING TABLE!
COME SHOP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

All pies will be 9-inch at a cost of $20 each
All cobblers will be 9 x 13 inch at a cost of $20 each

If you would like to volunteer to bake a pie (or two) for this sale, please contact Jan Kurtz at 443-340-6497. Thanks so much!

The long-awaited 4th annual

Christmas Bazaar

is here!!!

Saturday, November 7

8 am – 2 pm

Thank you for your help getting the word out!

Be sure to talk it up to friends, neighbors and strangers. Post on social media!

Thanks for all your support,
Jan Kurtz



Join Us For

Wesley UMC
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 7
8 am - 2 pm

Breakfast and lunch available for purchase, as well as Wesley's delicious homemade soups

Baked goods for purchase
Craft Tables
Various Vendors

Wesley Community Corner –
Local business gift cards & gifts

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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 and consult your estate planner, attorney, or tax advisor. Informational pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

November 2026

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Fellowship

11 am Worship



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints' Day** **9:30 am** Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship **11:00 am** Worship	**2**	**3** 	**4** **Boy Scouts** 7:30 pm	**5** **Choir** 7 pm	**6**	**7**
8 **24th Sunday After Pentecost** **9:30 am** Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship **11:00 am** Worship	**9**	**10** **Charge Conference** *including* **Ad Council** 7 pm	**11** **Veterans Day** **Outreach** 6 pm ~ Zoom **SPRC** 7 pm ~ Zoom **Boy Scouts** 7:30 pm	**12** **Choir** 7 pm	**13**	**14**
15 **25th Sunday After Pentecost** **9:30 am** Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship **11 am** Worship	**16**	**17** **UMM** 8 am Dutch Corner	**18** **Trustees** 7 pm Library **Boy Scouts** 7:30 pm	**19** **UWFaith** 11 am FH **Choir** 7 pm	**20**	**21**
22 **26th Sunday After Pentecost** **9:30 am** Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship **11 am** Worship	**23**	**24**	**25** **Boy Scouts** 7:30 pm	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 **1st Sunday of Advent** **9:30 am** Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship **11 am** Worship	**30**					

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

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Worship Participants

Sunday, November 1
Greeters: Dennis Rill & Randy Kurtz
Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill
Organist: Jeff Horner

Sunday, November 8
Greeters: UWFaith
Worship Leader: Michelle Hudgins
Organist: Jeff Horner



Sunday, November 15
Greeters: Brenda Kennedy & TBA
Worship Leader: John Sies
Organist: Jeff Horner

Sunday, November 22
Greeters: Jan & Randy Kurtz
Worship Leader: Linda Yost
Organist: Anne Chillson

Sunday, November 29
Greeters: Barbara Sater & Gladys Smith
Worship Leader: Jeff Zachman
Organist: Jeff Horner

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