

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 & connecting.

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David Stawick ~ Visiting Homilist

Andy Davenport & Linda Raver ~ Lay Preachers

Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



He is Risen! Just As He Said!

April 2026



Birthdays



Irby Cole, III	2
Laura Gast	2
Jeff Horner	2
Diana Crochunis	3
Will Otwell	5
Amanda Phillips	5
Lindsay Zachman	7
Beverly Rill	8
Debbie Schubert	8
Cindy Rill	10
Connor Insley	11
Cynthia Sowash	11
Adrienne Kurtz	12
Linda Yost	12
Cory Waltrup	14
Meredith Smith	15
Kathy Gutierrez	16
Dean Brewer	17
Michael Martin	21
Molly Smith	26
Tootie Harris	27
Gregory Horner	28
Nanette Lishman	28
Kaylyn Phillips	28
Seth Sowash	28
Ken Miller	29

Anniversaries



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



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



Prayers For Individuals & Families

- † Joy! **Charlotte Gyory** and **Wayne Horner** were both present in church last Sunday after recovering from knee surgery. Prayers for continued healing.
- † Joy! Cindy Rill's grandson **Dean** proposed to Charlotte Gyory's granddaughter **Addy**. She said yes!
- † **Evelyn**, a friend of Linda Hollman who successfully had a cancer mass removed from her spine recently, is now in rehab and making progress, but it's slow. We ask for prayers that she continues to grow stronger and improve so that she can return home to her husband.
- † Joy! Grandparents **Davona and Scott Palmer** were surprised with a baby shower given by Wesley's Sunday School classes. They were so thankful! Their grandson, Levi came home from the hospital last Sunday.
- † Linda and Jonathan Yost's daughter, **Julie** is traveling to Atlanta, GA with students and colleagues for a conference. Prayers for safety and a quick journey back home.
- † Prayers for the **Malawi residents** in Africa. They have been hit hard with bad weather, flooding storms and loss of much needed crops.
- † Prayers for the **people of Oahu, Hawaii** that have been hit with bad storms, flooding and a lot of loss and devastation.
- † **Scott Palmer's niece**, who lives in Italy, just had a new son, Harrison. All is well.
- † Prayers for God's peace and comfort for **Bonnie Catron and family** after the passing of her mother, **Jean Colton**. After 103 years, the Lord has called her home.
- † **Gladys Smith** asked for continued prayers for her family members as they face health issues and cancer treatments.
- † Ruth and Carl Rill's daughter, **Kristen Reilly** has small blood clots in her lungs and is on blood thinner. Continued prayers are welcome for her health to improve.
- † Prayers for safety are very much needed for all U.S. personnel in the entire Middle East region, as well as for the innocent Middle East civilians.



Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 am

Greenmount

United Methodist Church

Easter Service

11:00 am

Wesley

United Methodist Church



Scout Auction
April 18
9 am–5 pm
Snyder's Auction House

The scouts are collecting used items for their auction. Please leave the items in the Fellowship Hall in the back half of the room near the double doors or contact them via email:

troop380auction@gmail.com

or Bob Frey 410-960-9555.

Please, no bulky/upholstered furniture, no workout equipment and no clothing.

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A big shout out to Dean and Roxanne Brewer who weeded, sprayed and cleaned up flower beds in preparation for springtime mulching. Everything looks great. Thank you both!



## **Administrative Council Minutes – March 25, 2026, 7 p.m. via ZOOM**

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

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. Pastor Melissa offered an opening prayer.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Melissa provided updates on several upcoming events and initiatives. She announced that BWC Annual Conference registration is open and encouraged additional laypeople to participate, noting the focus on the new mission of the United Methodist Church. She reported that the Wesley week of camp, THE GREAT EGG HUNT EXPLORER QUEST, to be held July 13-16, already has about 60 kids registered, with no external advertising done yet. The group discussed upcoming Holy Week events, including a cantata on Palm Sunday at Wesley, Maundy Thursday service at St. John's, Good Friday service at Pleasant Grove, and Easter Sunrise service at Greenmount. Janet inquired about Melissa's absence on Sunday, April 12th, which was confirmed, with Reverend Amy scheduled to fill in that week.

#### **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

Brenda Hess, SPRC Chair reported that the next meeting would be Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM.

#### **Finance Report – Reports available upon request.**

Dave Hudgins, Treasurer, reported:

- Giving is slightly behind budget compared to last year but not significantly concerning
- The Cemetery fund checking account has been closed and transferred to a new account managed by the Cemetery Inc. company.
- Audit activities are underway, with the Finance Committee reviewing main accounts including checking, building fund, memorial savings, and RBC accounts, with Jonathan Yost taking responsibility for coordinating other group accounts. Brenda Hess will review the audit finance process checklist from the BWC website regarding the church's financial and bookkeeping procedures.
- Discussed plans to replace room signs on the choir room, library and history room doors, possibly using WIP funds or miscellaneous church budget funds.
- There are two Music Funds: Harris Family Scholarship Fund and the Bill Harris Music Fund. Group discussed providing scholarships for instrument lessons and purchasing music-related equipment. Janet will speak with Patty Harris to clarify the requirements and process for the Harris Family Scholarship fund. A new remote microphone could potentially be funded by the Bill Harris Music Fund.

- Dave discussed redirecting restricted Camp Wesley funds to support current camp activities and expand access to other camp programs, such as Wesley camp craft supplies. Pastor Melissa proposed allocating money to help cover food costs for teenagers participating in Camp Harmison, a work camp program. The group also discussed promoting other camps like West River and Manidokan to local children.
- Connie will contact Camps Manidokan and West River, via conference website to gather information and print materials for camp scholarships and distribute to the kids and families at Wesley.
- Dave reminded the group that the Memorial Fund can be used for church improvements and that a portion of it, \$6,000, was voted on and has been designated for purchase of new altar paraments.
- Janet brought up that there are more pews available for plaque/pew dedications, the proceeds of which will be added to the Memorial Fund. The group decided to wait before running another dedication campaign, as it had only been about 3 years since the last one.

#### **United Methodist Men: Dave Hudgins, President**

- UMM continues to meet at Dutch Country once a month.
- The group is supporting the Wesley Food Pantry with \$200, with Greg Wiegel leading the effort.
- They are planning to bring a meal to the Westminster Rescue Mission in May.

#### **Trustees Report – Linda Yost, President**

- Our tenant is now current on rent through April 2026
- Ecker Lawn Services will begin mowing and trimming on April 1.
- Aero Oil replaced a failed fan in the education wing and corrected some plumbing issues in the parsonage.
- Roof Right sealed three roof junctures to address leak in the Fellowship Hall.
- Will contact Rafferty Coatings to set date for painting the metal roof over the Fellowship Hall. Already under contract.
- The Scout troop offered to mulch the church gardens in late April or early May, with Chris Weaver offering to provide mulch if needed.
- Fire extinguisher inspection was completed.
- There is a broken push bar on the single Fellowship Hall door that needs attention.

#### **Altar Scarf Replacement Discussion**

- Brenda Kennedy reported challenges in finding appropriate size altar scarves that are larger than required and would need significant alteration to fit properly on the existing altar equipment. Some of our skilled sewers in the church could do the alterations. Cost of two sets of scarves is approximately \$1,200.
- Explored options for the current scarves, including donating them to a church in Malawi, though this may be delayed due to flooding in the region. If donated, they will need to be dry cleaned.
- Some scarves have been given as memorials, which would need to be considered in any replacement plan.
- The team agreed to proceed with ordering the two sets of scarves and potentially altering them later if needed.

#### **Candlesticks and Vases Purchase Plan**

- Decided to purchase matching candlesticks, cross and flower vases, at a cost of \$1,200. Funds are available from a Memorial donation. Total cost for scarves, candlesticks, cross and vases is approximately \$2,400.

- Brenda agreed to send a link for review, and Linda will handle the ordering through Amazon Prime (to avoid shipping costs) once the items are approved.

#### **Outreach – Jan Kurtz, Chair**

- Soup Sale profits - \$842. May have another Soup Sale in the fall, depending on timing of the Christmas Bazaar.
- Delivered 24 filled Easter baskets to Shepherd's Staff.
- Linda sent gift cards to our four college students.
- Carroll County is opening a Night-By-Night Family Shelter. Janet has visited it. It is very nice and ready to open very soon.
- The parish is collecting snacks, etc. for the Dove House throughout Lent. Box is in the back of the church.
- NESAP – Janet has organized a brunch for the volunteers and staff when they do the seasons changeover in the store. This will happen March 26-27.
- Jan will send a request to the congregation for volunteers and food donations for the April 26th Westminster Rescue Mission meal. Janet will confirm how many residents and staff are to be provided a meal.
- Will donate \$200 to Westminster Rescue Mission for Women for Mother's Day.
- Will donate \$200 to Helping Up Mission for Father's Day.

#### **Christian Education – Jackie Otwell, Chair**

- Linda reported on recent Christian Education activities, including a Sunday School Easter gathering with a lesson, crafts, games and refreshments, and a grandparents' shower for Davona and Scott in honor of their first grandson, Levi DiMaggio.
- Jackie Otwell will not be teaching next year, creating a need to find a new teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class. There is concern that we may lose families if we cannot find teachers. Will need to find a new Christian Education Chairperson also.

#### **Worship – Janet Martin, Chair**

- Will provide homemade cookies by Lisa Kemp for all women/young ladies attending worship on Mother's Day, and for all men/young men attending worship on Father's Day.
- Janet believes that the new Christian Education Chair should attend Worship Committee meetings to coordinate when the children can participate in worship services.

#### **Bazaar**

The group agreed to start planning for the Christmas Bazaar in June, aiming to line up vendors and secure donations.

#### **United Women in Faith**

- Connie Wiegel, President reported that at the March meeting the group celebrated the service of Prayer and Self-Denial. Janet said that she has invited Cindy Barr to attend the next meeting of United Women in Faith and she agreed. The next meeting will be on April 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda S. Yost, Secretary



**The Easter Cantata combines the  
joined choirs of St. John's and Wesley**

**"At His Name"**

*By Joel Raney*

**Maundy Thursday, April 2  
St. John's UMC at 7 pm**



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

April – Outreach Committee

May – Worship Committee



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

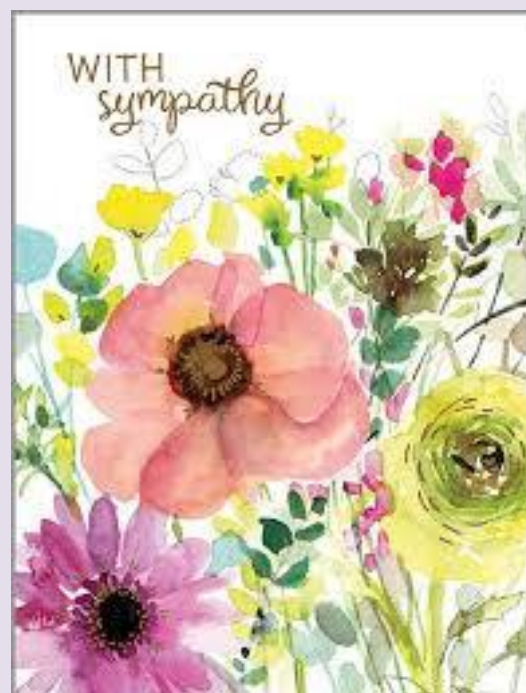
*Our thoughts & prayers go out to the families of those who recently passed:*

***Betty Barr***

***Jean Colton***

*Mother of Bonnie Catron*

***Michelle's friend, Sheila's friend***



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

at 7:30 pm

**Choir:** Thursdays at 7 pm

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                                                    | Thursday                                                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                                                                  | Saturday                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                                                         |        |                                              | 1<br><br><b>Scouts</b><br>7:30 pm                                            | 2<br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><br><b>Choir Cantata</b><br>St. John's<br>7 pm | 3<br><b>Good Friday Service</b><br><br><b>Pleasant Grove</b><br>7 pm | 4                                                        |
| 5<br><br><b>6:30 am</b> Sunrise<br>~ Greenmount<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship<br>~ Wesley | 6      | 7                                            | 8<br><br><b>SPRC</b><br>7 pm<br>Zoom<br><br><b>Scouts</b><br>7:30 pm         | 9                                                                                                                                                               | 10                                                                                                                                                      | 11                                                       |
| 12<br><b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship                                              | 13     | 14<br><br><b>UMM</b><br>8 am<br>Dutch Corner | 15<br><br><b>Trustees</b><br>7 pm<br>Library<br><br><b>Scouts</b><br>7:30 pm | 16<br><br><b>UW Faith</b><br>11 am<br>FH                                                                                                                        | 17                                                                                                                                                      | 18<br><br><b>Scout Auction</b><br>9 am -5 pm<br>Snyder's |
| 19<br><b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship                                              | 20     | 21                                           | 22<br><br><b>Scouts</b><br>7:30 pm                                           | 23                                                                                                                                                              | 24                                                                                                                                                      | 25                                                       |
| 26<br><b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship                                              | 27     | 28                                           | 29<br><br><b>Scouts</b><br>7:30 pm                                           | 30                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                          |

## 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

### Sunday, April 5



6:30 am @ Greenmount

11 am @ Wesley

**Greeters:** Randy Kurtz, Cheryl Gore,  
Brenda Kennedy & Bonnie Catron

**Worship Leader:** Linda Yost

**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### Worship Participants



### Sunday, April 12

**Greeters:** UWFaith

**Worship Leader:** Michelle Hudgins

**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### Sunday, April 19

**Greeters:** Ruth & Carl Rill

**Worship Leader:** John Sies

**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### Sunday, April 26

**Greeters:** Randy & Jan Kurtz

**Worship Leader:** Linda Yost

**Organist:** Anne Chillson

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