

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 & connecting.

From the desk of the Pastor...

"A Little Bit about Lent"

Lent is coming! Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 20, 2019). The English word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," which means "lengthen," and refers to the lengthening of days that comes with springtime.

As early as the third century, Christians have prepared ourselves for the celebration of Easter. In earliest times, two days before Easter were dedicated to the practice of fasting. From the end of the worship service on Good Friday to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter—equaling the time Jesus spent in the tomb—Christians

would fast. Generations that followed increased the period of fasting to six days, which was also the amount of time catechumens spent in humble preparation for the reception of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that they would receive at the Easter service. History shows that the length of preparation for Easter increased from one week to three weeks to six weeks. In the seventh century, the western church

arrived at a forty day preparation period for Easter. They fasted for six weeks at six days a week for a total of thirty-six days. Fasting was thought to be beneficial to the Christian because evil spirits used food as a means of entering the body. During this period of fasting, Christians would not eat any food during the day until the middle of the afternoon. Even though the body strongly desired food, the Christian was to put this desire aside and focus instead on the things of God, the very Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Mt. 4:4).

“We are led by the Spirit to ...genuinely desire to live the lives Jesus Christ has set us free to live... not because we have to, but because we truly want to live as God's children, as sisters and brothers in the Lord.

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The LENTEN PRAYER

LORD JESUS
YOU CALL US TO REPENT AND TO BELIEVE
FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND
YOU TEACH US TO DO GOD'S WILL
YOU INVITE US TO FOLLOW YOU
ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS.

LORD,
RENEW IN US THE GRACE OF OUR BAPTISM
TRANSFORM OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND
DEEDS SO THAT WE MIGHT TURN AWAY
FROM SIN AND LIVE THE GOSPEL.

AMEN



happy birthday!

March

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| 4 | Jocelyn Davey
Dave Hudgins | 19 | Larry Harris
Chuck Hollman
Darick Sater |
| 5 | Dean Rill
Owen Rill | 20 | Robert Gunnarsson, Sr.
John Halley |
| 9 | Betty Horner | 21 | Jan Graf |
| 10 | Carlos Davis
Mason Wilson | 22 | Lincoln Horner |
| 12 | Michael Watkins | 23 | Sawyer Stauffer |
| 14 | Carol O'Byrne | 25 | Matt Sichel
Andy Smith |
| 16 | Kaitlyn Davey
Bruce DeVilbiss | 28 | Bonnie Chatfield |
| 18 | Fay Miller | 29 | Lisa Fore
Mike Hughes
Steven Novotny |

March Anniversaries:

- 1 Frank & Jacki Grabowski
- 9 Irby & Sandy Cole
- 11 Ally & Arno Subock
- 25 Carl & Ruth Rill
- 27 Steven & Hanne Novotny



Updated Contact Info:

Charles Harrell
1725 Forest Glen Drive,
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

We Extend Our Condolences...

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of Edna Louise Wilhelm, mother of Chet Phillips, who passed away on Monday, February 25th. May God hold you closely as you mourn Louise's passing and celebrate her life.

Updating Your Contact Information

Please call Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary at 410-876-5295 or send an e-mail to baldor1@comcast.net if your name, address, phone number or e-mail address has changed. Feel free to contact her with any other changes you require. Additionally, if you spot an error in the Directory, please let her know so she can correct it.

Please Remember Wesley UMC's Inclement Weather Policy:

If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Carroll Co. at 6 AM, Sunday School and the 8:45 AM service will be cancelled. The 11 AM service will depend on the severity of the weather. In the event of inclement weather, a message will be left on the church answering service by 7 AM regarding services, but please use your discretion as to the weather in your area. We don't want anyone getting injured!



Members to Keep in Your Prayers (Cards Welcome!)

**Anna Faye Jenkins, Geraldine Garrett,
& Etta Ruth Heird**
Golden Crest Asst. Living
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Peggy Dovell
2322 Susanann Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-0199

Bev Hague
Keswick, Room G35
700 West 40th Street
Baltimore, MD 21211



Have a New Neighbor? We can help welcome them home! Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for being so willing to reach out to our college students. Currently, we have 16 students that we are encouraging and uplifting in prayer. Please continue to pray for these young people as they work to get their education.

Thanks, Vicky Wilmer

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the visits and cards (Get Well, Birthday and Christmas). Also, a special thank you for the Fall pumpkin and Christmas poinsettia. I feel blessed to have such a thoughtful and caring church!

Your sister in Christ, Zelda Wilhelm

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church Outreach,

Thank you very much for your recent donation... to The Shepherd's Staff. We greatly appreciate your generosity, thoughtfulness and continued support!

With more and more individuals and families seeking financial assistance for everyday essentials, contributions such as yours are greatly appreciated. As you can imagine, with the current economic situation, our programs are being challenged with an increasing number of daily requests. We very much appreciate your generosity, thoughtfulness and support of our efforts to help Carroll County families in need.

Now that the winter season has shown us cold temperatures and unpredictable weather, The Shepherd's Staff will be serving many individuals and families. We have many different services available including our Blessings Closet, Emergency Financial Assistance and Rx Financial Assistance, as well as our ongoing services listed in our Gifts of Hope flyer...

Blessings, THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

"You have absolutely, positively made a difference in my life."

Youth Bible Challenge



Our youth group is being challenged to write down Bible information in a journal which was given to them on February 24, 2019. They will be recording memory verses which specifically speak to them as well as other information from the Bible that they want to remember. It is hoped that this project will inspire a **lifelong habit**. The kids will earn points for the group as they participate in the project. When the group reaches a specific number of points, \$500 will be donated toward their missionary trip this summer. The

congregation is invited to "sweeten the pot" by donating additional money to the project. You can make checks out to Wesley Church and mark it for "Youth Bible Challenge."

Troop 380's 33rd Annual Scout Auction!

What: An Auction and Give-Aways for Items Including Business Gift Cards, Wine Tastings, Weekend Getaways, Tools, Sports Memorabilia, and More!

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 9 AM to 5 PM

Where: Snyder's Auction House (Right Off of Main St. in Downtown Hampstead)

Why: To Support the Activities of Our Own Troop 380! Come Out and Have Some Fun!

Have an item or opportunity to donate?

Contact the Scouts at troop380auction@gmail.com.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Supporting Youth in Mission



It's that time again!

On Tuesday, March 5th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM,
the Wesley UMC Youth will host our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. There is no cost, but free will donations will be accepted for the Youth Mission Trip to Cherokee, North Carolina this summer.

Refocus: Lent at Wesley UMC



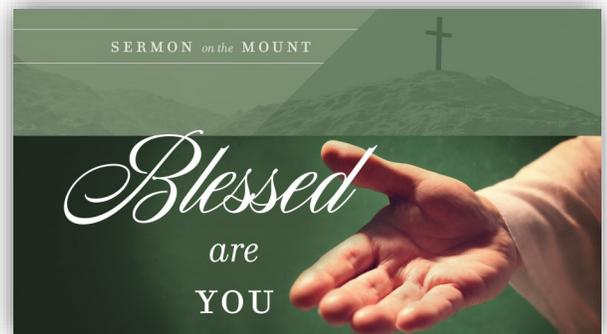
Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of the Ashes and Holy Communion

Led by Stephanie Halley and Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill
7 PM on Wednesday, March 6, in the Wesley UMC Sanctuary

Lenten Sermon Series: "Sermon on the Mount"

This series for Lent takes church members through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will reveal

will reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season. **Sunday mornings:** March 10-April 14, 2019, at 8:45 AM and 11 AM.



Lenten Study: What Are Your Spiritual Gifts?

Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill will lead a six-week study based on the book, "Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service," by Carol Cartmill and Yvonne Gentile. Each week will feature a short DVD presentation followed by discussion. Cost of the workbook is \$20.00. Please contact Rev. Amy ASAP so she can order a workbook for you.

The class is being offered at two different times:

- **Thursday mornings** beginning March 7th, 2019, from 10 to 11 AM in the Harrell Library.
- **Tuesday evenings** beginning March 12, 2019, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the church parsonage.

Youth Mission Trip

Cherokee, NC

July 27-Aug 3, 2019



The Wesley Youth are preparing to “go out into the world” and be the hands and feet of Jesus this summer! In Cherokee, the youth will be ministering to people through: Elderly Ministry, Children’s Ministry, Community Outreach, Youth Ministry and Light Construction Home Repair Projects

Please be in prayer for the youth and their families as we prepare spiritually and materially for this mission trip.

Please pray for us:

That we would be strengthened spiritually, physically and emotionally.

That the Lord would call people to join our team and that they would be committed and enthusiastic.

That even now the Lord would be arranging for the people he wants us to meet and minister to in Cherokee.

We will be sharing with the congregation more info as we set our goals, have fundraisers, and enlist your help!

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

If you have any questions, contact Lana Montgomery at lanamontgo@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP @ WESLEY: MARCH 2019

Mark your calendar!!

For more info, contact Stephanie Halley (stephanie@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or 443.803.7372)



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| Mar 5 | Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper, 5.30 - 7.30pm
(Youth Fundraiser @ Wesley) |
| Mar 6 | Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm |
| Mar 8 - 10th | Winter Retreat @ Camp Eder (Fri. - Sun.) |
| Mar 24 | Destination Unknown, 5 - 7 pm |

Sr High Girls Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6—8pm @ the Halley's
Sr High Guys' Movie Night: Every 4th Friday — see the Jasons for monthly details
...and on Sunday morning:

Youth meet in THE CAVE, 9.45-10.45am, and Worship services

- o 8.45am – Contemporary Worship
- o 11am - Traditional Worship

"A Little Bit About Lent" Continued...

Lying behind our fasting practices during the Lenten Season of preparation for Easter is true repentance. We are led by the Spirit to truly repent of our sins and of ourselves, meaning that we are to turn away from all that is sinful and genuinely desire to live the lives Jesus Christ has set us free to live...not because we have to, but because we truly want to live as God's children, as sisters and brothers in the Lord. Having repented of our sins, God faithfully forgives us all our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness because of the perfect work of salvation that Jesus has accomplished for us all.

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word" (The United Methodist Book of Worship, p.322).

Save the Date!!**"TASTE OF SPRING"**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st from 5 TO 8 pm
CROSSROADS CHURCH IN HAMPSTEAD

FOOD SAMPLINGS, MUSIC, AND AWESOME AUCTION ITEMS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP NESAP PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

TICKETS: \$25.00 PER COUPLE, \$15.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JANET MARTIN
(OR AT NESAP, TOWNE PRIDE & MATTHEWS TIRE)

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL: NESAP.THRIFTSTOREMGR@GMAIL.COM

Hebrews 13:16, Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A VANCO Reminder: Winter Weather

As with our own lives, expenses for the church "march on" even when services are cancelled due to weather. To help alleviate the pressure, please consider donating online through VANCO when you can't make it to church. Just visit <http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/online-giving.html>.

Wesley Book Club: March 2019



Good Reads &
Conversation

The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church — come out and bring a friend! **The group will have its next meetings at MJ's Café & Baking Co., 2965 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MD 21102.**

The March selection is ***Educated*** by Tara Westover. The meeting will be on March 28th at 12:30 PM.

Questions about the Book Club? Give Reenie a call at (410) 848-1121.

CELEBRATE EASTER!

Join your Wesley Family as we get ready for Easter!



Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday)
9:45 am – 10:45 am
(During our normal Sunday School time)

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Food, Fellowship Fun Easter Crafts & Activities

Who: All Church, All Generations, All Classes, All Together
(All Wesley congregants are welcome to attend)

PIES, COBBLERS AND TARTS! OH MY! WESLEY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Coming on April 14th (Palm Sunday)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BAKERS TO DONATE

AND OF COURSE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BUYERS TO BUY

What is your favorite?

Let us know and we will try to bake it up for you!

Contact Kim Peake at (410)374-9390.



March Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

March 3: Exodus 34:19-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 6 (Ash Wednesday): Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 17: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philemon 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 24: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 31: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Cemetery Flowers



The flowers (especially Christmas ones) will be removed from the cemetery on April 1 unless the owners remove them beforehand for use next year, etc. Also, please do not put flowers at graves during mowing season unless they are attached to the monuments. Thank you!

The Cemetery Committee

Planned Giving

"It is not enough to look back. We need to look forward. There is much that needs to be done (children taught, the sick visited, those who mourn to be comforted, and those in trouble to be helped). Wesley is to stand as a beacon to the love and power of God; its members are to be rays spreading out to give light in a dark world"

– Excerpted from Material Prepared for Wesley's Bicentennial (1987)

Wesley has a rich history, a wonderful present, and a future full of promise. How can we, living in the present, help plant the seeds for our church's future? Consider remembering our Wesley UMC in your Last Will and Testament. Planned giving is one way to provide a legacy to your commitment to Christ, helping Wesley to continue to stand as that "beacon to the love and power of God." Talk to your family. Talk to your advisors. Learn more. One source of information on planned giving is the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation, Inc. You can find them on the web at maumflegacy.org. At Wesley, feel free to contact Lee Ann Crochunis or Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



Oyster and Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, March 23, 2019 • 12 pm – 5 pm

With Seatings on the Hour and Half-Hour through **4 PM**

Fried Oysters, Fried Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Homemade Cole Slaw and Potato Salad, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert & Beverages



Age 13 & up.....	\$25.00
Age 5-12.....	\$8.00
Under 5.....	FREE
Carryout.....	\$25.00



- Reservations Encouraged (see below)
- Mobility-Challenged Accessible
- Two Dining Rooms Available for Fast Service
- Baked Goods Table
- Silent Auction
- Carryout Includes 6 Oysters, Fried Chicken, Sides, & Dessert
- Group/buses welcome; however, please call to schedule a seating time!

*** Reserve Your Tickets!!!***

You won't have to wait in line for hours! Call Cindy today at **1-410-218-9303** to reserve your tickets and seating time!



While we make every effort to seat you at your requested time, it is not a hard reservation and you may need to wait for a few minutes while we change the dining rooms over from one seating to the next. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your time so that we may get you checked in and seated as close to your seat time as possible.

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Library Notes

MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH

Announcing the new Built-in Orderly Organized Knowledge device called "BOOK." The BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, and no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It is so easy to use even a child can operate it; just lift its cover! Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere - even sitting in an armchair by the fire.

Each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. These pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. Portable, durable, and affordable, the BOOK is being hailed as the entertainment wave of the future. Many of these BOOKs are in our library!

Information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved.

The Gospel for Children: Object Messages from the Gospel of Mark by Harold J. Uhl (256). Simple objects like a flashlight, a map, a ball, or a flag are used to present the Gospel story in a way that children can both see and hear. There are 60 visual explanations of passages from the Gospel of Mark useful for both worship and teaching.

Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories by Robert J. Morgan (780). This two volume set (each with 150 hymns) contains both the hymn and the story behind the hymn on facing pages. Title, author/songwriter, and first line of hymn indexes are included.

The Power of the Spoken Word by Florence Scovel Shinn (232). This is a collection of the teachings of Shinn, who taught metaphysics in New York for many years. She was colloquial, informal, friendly, and humorous and for this reason, she appealed to many who would not have taken the spiritual message through more conservative and dignified forms.

Who Was Jesus? By Paul Kroll (227). This is a presentation of the person and work of Jesus, his relationship with God, and our response to him.

Jesus the Son of Man by Kahlil Gibran (227). Gibran presents the words and deeds of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who came in contact with him. Illustrations are reproduced from original drawings by the author.

Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam by Hans Wilhelm (Children). An illustrated book based on the song "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam".

A Step Further by Joni Eareckson (920). Joni's first book told the story of the accident that left her a quadriplegic and her struggle to accept her handicap. This book relates more of Joni's struggles and victories, telling honestly how God has used circumstances, individuals, and events to reveal more of Himself to her and to mold more of Himself in her.

ATTENTION PLEASE!! The Harrell Library is bulging at the seams. We would love it if anyone has an empty bookshelf just 'hangin' around your house that you would be willing to donate! We're looking for a bookshelf approximately 33 inches tall and about 4 and a half feet long. THANKS SO MUCH!!

Our library is for you to use and enjoy. Remember to sign your name and date to the card found in the back of the book. File the card in the yellow box under the letter that begins your last name. When you return a book, find the card, put the return date on the card, and put the card in the pocket of the book. You can stack books on the shelf beside the yellow box or on the desk; the librarians will re-shelve them. Please return borrowed items within 6 months.

Donated items may be left stacked on the library desk. Please leave a paper with your name and the names of the donated items so that we can give you proper credit. Remember that we only take items suitable for a church library. The librarians reserve the right to determine suitability.

Please leave the stepladder used for reaching books on higher shelves in the corner visible near the closet doors.

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

News & Notes from the Trustees – February 2019

By now you may have noticed that the old windows are a part of Wesley's history. In their place are 22 energy friendly windows. No leaks, more window space to let in the sun light (if we ever get any), plus they all work! And they have a lifetime warranty.



You may have heard that we are seeking help from our Wesley family to support us by becoming a Wesley Window Warrior (WWW). Each window cost approximately \$600. If you are interested in helping us purchase a window, please just note on your check that your donation is for windows. If we can recover the \$13,300 paid for the cost of our windows, we will be able to move on to our next projects.

The next grouping of projects the Trustees is focused on is as follows:

- Paint Sanctuary wall water damage
- Paint Vestibule wall water damage
- Paint Education Wing Hallway from Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall
- Paint Window Sills since windows have been replaced
- Place new wall mounted Air Conditioning units in the Historical Room, Harrell Library, Choir Room and Nursery.
- Replant Flower beds and bury rain spouts
- Look at Chair Lifts for Steps in Education Wing and Stair Tower to Sanctuary
- Repaint parking lot space markings and add several additional handicap parking spaces near the Fellowship Hall entrance.



Currently, Wesley Improvement Projects (WIP) funds on hand as of 2/14/2019 is \$22,850 - this is after paying for the windows that were installed on February 11th. The above projects listed are estimated to cost between \$48,000 and \$50,000. Any assistance we can garner from our Wesley family WWW's to help restore the \$13,300 recently spent on new windows or WIP donations in general, will help us maintain momentum in accomplishing the next set of Wesley Improvement Projects (WIP) plans.

We are happy to report that since inception of the WIP program in October 2018, the following projects have been completed – many donated with people's own time, talents and funds:

- Repaired all roof leaks
- Replaced Windows
- Nursery Renovated: New Floor, Paint, Slider Repaired, Plumbing fixed
- New Smoke Detectors have been installed
- Sanctuary window lights replaced with LED bulbs and timer
- Motion detector light replaced with LED bulbs
- Security cameras have been installed at several locations
- New doorbell has been installed at Fellowship Hall door



Finally, we would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the WIP program to date. Since October 1, 2018, Wesley has received donations totaling \$29,800 for WIP. This is over and above normal tithing that supports the day to day Operating Budget. God is GOOD!

1 Corinthians 12:18 - But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Respectfully Submitted by your Wesley Trustees

John Martin, Chair
Rick Waltrup
Mike Sichel

Pam Phillips
Cynthia Davey
Linda Yost

Clay Myatt
Gordon Benson
Gary Wilmer

Cold Weather Shelter & NESAP

The Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster asks groups to provide breakfast for their clients. The Outreach committee purchased and served breakfast on Friday, February 22nd. We would like to encourage other groups or members to help in taking care of the least of these. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Wilmer.

The Cold Weather Shelter is also in need of the following food items and clothing items: Pop Tarts, pudding cups, fruit cups, little cereal boxes, oatmeal packs, protein bars, Little Bites muffins or anything that you would pack in a kid's lunch, sweatpants, men's boxers, or boxer briefs.

NESAP is in need of food and other supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. The shelves are pretty bare. Please pray and consider how you can help. There is a container in the fellowship hallway for you to place your donation. Thank you!

Outreach Notes • February 13, 2019

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Cindy Myatt, Jason Montgomery, Vicky Wilmer

1. VIM – Jan Tarboro North Carolina March 31st – April 6
 - A. Currently we have 6 people- possibly 4 more
 - B. Will discuss meals when we have final head count
2. Faith Feast – Dian The next Faith Feast will be February 22.
3. NESAP – Taste of Spring Mar. 21st 6-8 at Crossroads Church across from NESAP. For tickets, please see Janet Martin.
4. Cold Weather Shelter
 - A. Breakfast – we will plan on holding a breakfast on Feb. 22
 - B. Breakfast to go – Pop Tarts, pudding cups, fruit cups, little cereal boxes. Oatmeal packs, protein bars, Little Bites muffins or anything that you would pack in a kid's lunch
 - C. Sweatpants, men's boxers or boxer briefs
5. Pies/Tart/Cobblers — April 14 Palm Sunday
6. Easter Baskets — March with list
7. College Students — 16 students

Next Meeting: March 13th

Did Ya Know? A Finance Tidbit



If you are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA or other qualified retirement plan because you are 70.5 years old or older, you can have your RMD paid directly to Wesley UMC. Instead of getting a charitable deduction, the distribution is tax-free, which in turn might reduce the amount of your taxable Social Security income. If this strategy appeals to you, please reach out to your retirement plan trustee or custodian - he or she will need time to process the paperwork and make the distribution to Wesley UMC.

If you elect to make a donation to Wesley from your retirement distribution, please contact Laura Waltrup to assist with providing any necessary information to your financial advisor and for instructions as to where you would like your distribution to be applied: a lump sum in lieu of weekly tithing or a designated donation for a special purpose such as Wesley Improvement Projects (WIP), Endowment, etc. Thank you!

Administrative Council Minutes • January 23, 2019, at 7 PM

Attendees: Pam Phillips (Chairperson), John Sies, Matthew Sichel, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Denny Rill, Jessica Sichel, Lee Ann Crochunis, Laura Waltrup, Jonathan Yost, Lisa Kemp, Vicky Wilmer, Sandy Cole, Brenda Hess, Jim Watkins, Brenda Kennedy, Stephanie Halley, Kim Peake, Linda Hollman, Madison Smith.

Stephanie Halley opened the meeting with prayer at 7 PM. The devotional for this evening was shared by Pam Phillips and was on the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Ad. Council Email List: There is a new email address for the Administrative Council members to use [to share minutes, etc.] To send an email to the Administrative Council group, email adcouncil@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

The minutes of the Administrative Council Planning Retreat were reviewed [please see the January 2019 issue of The Wesley Journal for the full minutes of that meeting.] Of specific note:

- The Vision Statement was changed [from “to show the people the hope in Jesus” to “to be a community filled with the hope and love of Jesus.”]
- Our goal is not to create new jobs, but to see how we can look at making disciples and reaching out to those in our community.
- Ministry development.

Finance:

- Lee Ann Crochunis, Finance Chairperson, brought forth a motion from the committee asking that all of the projects currently defined by the Trustees as “Wesley Improvement Projects (WIP)” be classified as “Capital Improvements” instead of some being “Capital Improvements” and some being “Maintenance and Repair.” According to IRS precedent, projects associated with the improvement of a building that are connected to the capital improvement campaign can also be listed as capital improvements. The program would still be “WIP.” Also, only those projects previously identified by Trustees as WIP would fall under this classification; no other projects can be “tossed on the pile.” This is basically a motion having to do with how Finance accounts for the funds.

Vote: All persons less one in favor; none opposed; one abstention. The motion carried.

- Finance would like to have another Town Hall since the previous one was so well received. A date in June was suggested; however, there was a conflict with the set up of the fellowship hall for VBS. During discussion, it was decided that the summer schedule would begin on June 9, 2019, at 10 AM. Finance would host Lemonade on the Lawn for that date at 11 AM and the Town Hall would begin at 11:30 AM.

Vote: All persons were in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. The motion carried.

- The Maryland Faith Health Network in which Wesley UMC is a participant, offers a free estate planning presentation. Finance thinks this is a good idea and wanted to gauge the interest about a general information session. During discussion, the suggestions were made that it be opened to the community and possibly tied in to a potluck. Further on, it was suggested that the presentation/session be combined with a summer activity to be an “event” and that a spaghetti dinner in place of a potluck might work better with the community.

Feedback from Ad. Council was that yes, there is general interest. Finance was asked to come back next month with more information. A concern was raised that we make sure that the person who comes to present be impartial; however, it was noted that we don’t get a choice, but that there would not be “solicitations.”

Youth:

- New since Fall is the Senior High Girls’ Bible Study called “Seamless,” which has been well received.
- The Senior High Boys will be starting “Boys Night Out” with “Jason x 2”
- The Youth are going on a family-invited mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina, to work on an Indian Reservation.

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The trip will be from July 27th through August 3rd (a Saturday to Saturday). Lana and Jason Montgomery are coordinating. There will be hands on and service opportunities.

Worship: The first meeting of the year will be on February 2, 2019, from 9 to 11:30 AM [at Wesley UMC.]

Outreach:

- Baked Potato Luncheon is coming up; Cindy Myatt is checking on prices. Meals will be offered after the first service through the luncheon following the second service. Clean-up will be by 1:15ish.
- Boxes (care packages) have been placed out for college students. They are about the size of a VCR tape and can include things like gum, mints, and personalized notes. They should be mailed in time for Valentine's Day. Members of the congregation will be asked to take a box or two and mail them.

UMM: No report

UMW: The UMW met last week. The group went over the budget, approved the November and December minutes, and practiced its skit [for UMW Sunday] about "Legacy." This year is the 150th Anniversary of the UMW. The UMW's next meeting is February 20th in the parsonage at 6:30 PM.

Visitation:

- Peggy Dovell is a member of our congregation who is homebound; Sandy Cole will look into putting Peggy on our list of homebound individuals.
- Reenie Harris is having surgery on January 30, 2019.
- Bob Gunnarsson is receiving meals (thankful for Sandy's work with Servant Keeper and the program finally bearing fruit.) Sandy made a plea for attendees to sign in on the pew registries.

Rev. Amy: (feeling better)

- Rev. Amy would like to do a Tuesday night study in Lent; she has a study in mind and is thinking about a location.
- She would also like to do a series of worship services looking at the Sermon on the Mount during the 11 AM Worship Service. There is a particular bulletin/order of worship supply that would be used; Laura Waltrup indicated that there would be funds for this.
- Rev. Amy will be on vacation from February 4 – 11, 2019. Stephanie Halley will be the substitute preacher and pastoral care is TBD [Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell was asked and accepted this duty.]

Capital Funds Committee: Meeting on January 28, 2019

Lay Member to Annual Conference:

- There will be a video showing regarding The Way Forward at 1:30 PM on Sunday in the Sanctuary.
- Matt will leave for the Special Session of General Conference early on Feb. 23, 2019, from BWI.
- A prayer vigil here at Wesley during the Special Session has been suggested and needs to be planned. Feb. 23rd is a day of worship and prayer; the 24th is the day the assembly picks a plan, the 25th is the day to perfect it, and the 26th is the date to vote upon it. There will be the roughly 830 delegates, all of the reserves who attend, and the visitors in the St. Louis Dome at America's Center.
- After discussion, it was decided that Wesley UMC would hold a 24-hour prayer vigil for February 24. Jess Sichel will create a sign-up sheet along with some form of reminder on which participants can record their time slot.

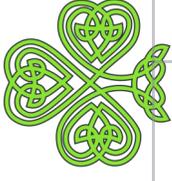
NESAP: Lynn Sheavly has announced her resignation from the Executive Director's position. She will be staying through August; a replacement is being sought.

Matt Sichel closed the meeting in prayer at approximately 8:15 PM. Matt will be in charge of devotions for the February 27, 2019, Administrative Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



MARCH 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Regular Worship Schedule: 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time	11 AM Traditional Worship <i>Nursery Care During All Services</i>		1 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	2 Boy Scout Auction 9 AM to 5 PM Snyder's Auction House
3	4	5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 to 7:30 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM	6 Visitation 12 Noon at J&P's Restaurant Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	7 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) Choir Practice 7 PM	8 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Youth Winter Retreat Friday—Sunday	9
10	11 UMM at 6:30 PM	12 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM Spiritual Gifts Study (Parsonage) 7:30—8:30 PM	13 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	14 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) Choir Practice 7 PM	15 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM <i>April Journal Submissions Due!</i>	16
17 General Conference Report Between Worship Services Fellowship Hall Reserved 1 to 6 PM (Palmer)	18	19 GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM Spiritual Gifts Study (Parsonage) 7:30—8:30 PM	20 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM UMW 6:30 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	21 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) NESAP "Taste of Spring" 5-8 PM	22 Supper Prep. Day! Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Bible Study 6-8 PM / Sr. High Guys' Movie Night	23 Fried Oyster and Fried Chicken Supper! Noon to 5 PM
24 Youth: Destination Unknown, 5 to 7 PM	25	26 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM Spiritual Gifts Study (Parsonage) 7:30—8:30 PM	27 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	28 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) Book Club at MJ's Café 12:30 PM	29 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	30
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WORSHIP

Regular Worship Schedule

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School / Breakfast Club
10:45 AM Fellowship Time
11 AM Traditional Worship Service
Nursery Care/Cradle Roll Available during the worship service!

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Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendars Inside!

We seek to show people the hope in Jesus.

March Worship Participants...

		<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Junior Church</u>
Mar. 3	8:45 AM	Gary & Vicky Wilmer			
	11 AM	Carl & Ruth Rill, Cheryl DeVilbiss, Roxane Brewer	Michael Eastwood	Isaac Sichel	Linda Yost
Mar. 10	8:45 AM	Charlotte Dorsey			
	11 AM	Frank & Jacki Grabowski, Kim Peake, & Denny Rill	Matthew Sichel	Cory Waltrup	Jan Kurtz
Mar. 17	8:45 AM	<i>Need</i>			
	11 AM	Sandy Cole, Barbara Sater, Gladys Smith, & <i>Need</i>	John Sies	Rose Sichel	Brenda Benson
Mar. 24	8:45 AM	<i>Need</i>			
	11 AM	Kim Peake, Sandy Cole, Denny Rill, and <i>Need</i>	Linda Yost	<i>Need</i>	Rose Hohmes
Mar. 31	8:45 AM	Claire Taylor & Sallie Taylor			
	11 AM	Brenda Hess, Dan & Carol Pfoutz, and Denny Rill	Linda Hollman	Isaac Sichel	Laura Waltrup

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