



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.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

9:45 AM Easter Activities in the Fellowship Hall
(Open to all!)

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Tenebrae Worship Service with
Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

7 AM "Sonrise" Service at the Houck Farm
with Holy Communion (see ad on page 5)
11 AM Worship Service with Choral Cantata

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Here's wishing you and
those you love a blessed
Holy Week and Easter.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Love, Rev. Amy

2019



April Birthdays

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| 2 | Irby Cole, III | 13 | Rachel Kemp |
| | Laura Gast | 14 | Cory Waltrup |
| | Jeff Horner | 18 | Geraldine Garrett |
| 3 | Diana Crochunis | | Kaylyn Phillips |
| | Peggy Dovell | 21 | Michael Martin |
| 5 | William "Will" Otwell | 26 | Molly Smith |
| | Amanda Phillips | 27 | Brenda Benson |
| 8 | Beverly Rill | | Patty Harris (sister of Debbie Schubert) |
| | Debbie Schubert | 28 | Greg Horner |
| 10 | Chase Green | | Nan Lishman |
| | Cindy Rill | | Kaylyn Phillips |
| 12 | Adrienne Kurtz | | Seth Sowash |
| | Linda Yost | 29 | Kenneth Miller |

April Anniversaries:

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



We Extend Our Condolences...

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of Bertha "Bert" Vivian Haviland Wilhelm, who passed away on March 23, 2019. Bert was a close friend to Laura Waltrup and was a resident of Golden Crest Assisted Living. May God hold you close to His side as you mourn Bert's passing and celebrate her life.

Updated Contact Info:

- ↪ **Cheryl and Curtis Gore:**
Cheryl's Cell : (410) 790-3955
Curtis' Cell: (410) 917-1640
Previous number no longer in service.
- ↪ **Dan & Carol Pfoutz:** 1056 Bear Crossing
Hanover, PA 17331; (717) 630-9979
Matthew Pfoutz: 4741 Millers Station Rd.
Hampstead, MD 21074
Timothy Pfoutz: 6428 Birchleigh Cir.
Alexandria, VA 22315
- ↪ **Zelda Wilhelm:** 4816 Alesia Rd.
Manchester, MD 21102

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.

Members to Keep in Your Prayers (Cards Welcome!)

Anna Faye Jenkins, Geraldine Garrett, & Etta Ruth Heird
Golden Crest Asst. Living
4110 St. Paul Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074

Peggy Dovell
2322 Susanann Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-0199

Bev Hague
Carroll Lutheran Village
200 St. Luke Circle, Room 110-2
Westminster, MD 21158



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



Dear Wesley Family & Friends;

I just want you to know how much each and every one of you mean to me. During my recovery from knee replacement surgery, I have received wonderful, encouraging phone calls, beautiful cards, notes, emails, texts ... and PRAYERS and VISITS. I certainly don't want to forget the FANTASTIC MEALS that have been coming in every week from you gals ... and guys! It sure made life so much easier knowing there was something healthy and delicious in my fridge that I or my caregiver could fix quickly.

Some of you girls stayed overnight with me ... or checked on me daily ... helped with meals ... vacuumed and did laundry ... watered plants ... grocery shopped ... and took care of Muffy, who has done a complete turn around. Instead of hiding in the closet or under the bed when someone comes, she is now coming out and welcoming our guests. I think she soon realized just how good they were taking care of her ... feeding and litter box duty, etc.

I am well on my way to recovery; however, due to the fracture that occurred during surgery, the Dr. wants me to be extra careful and be mindful of weight bearing on that leg.

Thank you for caring and being there for me. I am so blessed for my church family. I hope to see and be with you soon.

Love & blessings, Reenie Harris

Dear Friends,

After Moses died, Joshua was the man God chose to take the Israelites into the Promised Land. In the first chapter of Joshua, we read the encouraging words the Lord gave Joshua to encourage him as he embarked on this new assignment. He is told several times to "be strong and courageous." This month [February], we have a new staff member in Barahona, Wilton Gomez, who is leading us on a new journey in the bateys.

Wilton will be working with Pastors in the bateys to develop ministries and programs intended to lead more people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen the Christian churches in the bateys. Please pray with us for him to have strength and courage as he begins this work, and to know that God is always with him.

We greatly appreciate you for helping us in the work being done in the Dominican Republic. If you have any questions about this new ministry initiative, or have some input to offer, please call me or send me an email. I'd love to hear from you! "Thank you for helping us in our ministry!"

In Christ alone, Marty Hogan, Executive Director, The Least of These Ministries

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

Pancake Breakfasts: Last One — Comin' Right Up!

The United Methodist Men have selected to contribute to the Westminster Rescue Mission. To help fund this contribution, they are offering Pancake Breakfasts, asking only for free will donations. The last breakfast is:



April 7, 2019

Serving will be from 8:15 to 10:45 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

Please come for comradery, enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, and help provide support for the Westminster Rescue Mission. Thanks!

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
(Everyone is 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

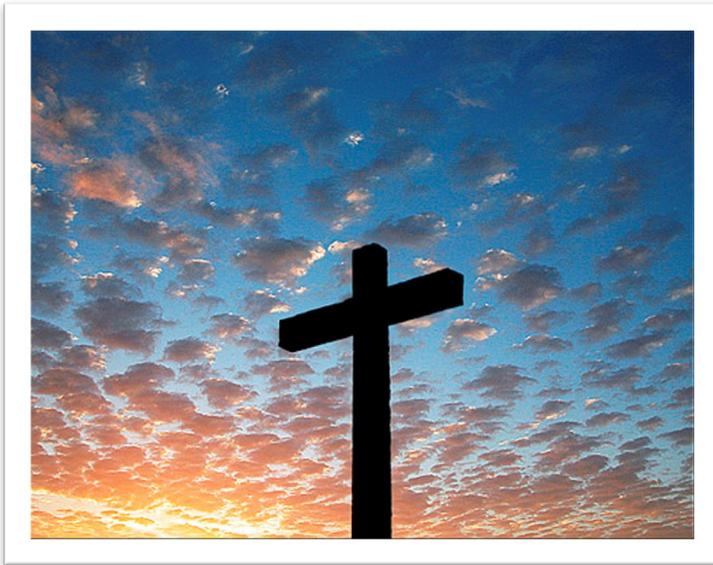
What is your favorite?

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

Contact Kim Peake at (410)374-9390.



"Sonrise" Worship Service on Easter Morning



You are invited to an...

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21, 2019, at 7 AM

At the Houck Family Farm

226 Houck Rd., Westminster, MD 21157

Come and celebrate the resurrected Son of God with the rising of the sun (you are welcome to come a little early to see the sun break the tree line!)

Serving breakfast afterward.

Remember, it's a farm! Dress casually, wear boots (made for getting dirty), and bring a lawn chair.

Rain Location: Wesley UMC

April Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

April 7: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philemon 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 14 (Palm / Passion Sunday): Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philemon 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 15 (Monday of Holy Week): Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

April 16 (Tuesday of Holy Week): Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

April 17 (Wednesday of Holy Week): Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

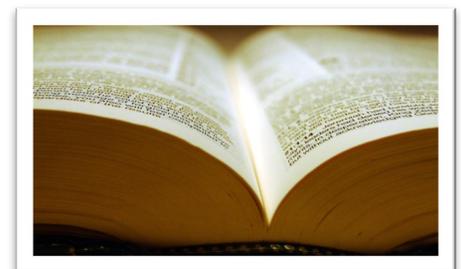
April 18 (Maundy Thursday): Exodus 12:1-4(5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 19 (Good Friday): Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

April 20 (Holy Saturday): Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

April 21 (Resurrection Sunday): Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 28: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



Vacation Bible School — Save the Date!

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!
****Wesley UMC's VBS will be June 24th through 28th from 9 AM to Noon.****

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20, CEB



Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! Cokesbury's To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in an outpost on Mars, they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Added to the adventure will be out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Youth Group @ Wesley April 2019 ~ Mark your calendar!!



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

- Apr 7th YOUTH GROUP, 6 - 8pm
- Apr 14th Palm Sunday
- Apr 21st Easter Sunday
 7am SONrise Service @ Houck Farm
 11am Easter Cantata @ Wesley
- Apr 28th Destination Unknown, 4 - 6pm
- Sr. High Girls Bible Study
 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6 - 8pm @ the Halley's
- Sr. High Boys Night Out
 4th Fridays (see the Jasons for monthly details)

...and on Sunday morning:

- Youth meet in THE CAVE, 9.45-10.45am, and Worship services
- 8.45am - Contemporary Worship
 - 11am - Traditional Worship

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.”

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.

NESAP Challenge — April and May

THE NESAP CHALLENGE: 61 DAYS TO RAISE \$25,000

NESAP's Goal: To match \$12,500 in sponsorships with donations from the community!

Food and hygiene items are valued as a \$1.00/item match.



To respond to the need for matching gifts, donations can be made through NESAP's web-site (www.nesapinc.org) or mailed to PO Box 831, Hampstead, MD 21074. Clearly designate your gift for the "NESAP Challenge."

For more information: Lynn Sheavly 443-952-0097 or nesap.director@gmail.com.

Wesley Book Club: April, May, and June 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 upcoming meetings at 12:30 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co. (2965 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MD 21102.)

- ↪ The April selection is *The Last Juror* by John Grisham. The meeting will be on April 25th.
- ↪ The May selection is *Finding Anna* by Christine Schaub (based on the story behind the hymn, "It is Well With My Soul." The date for this meeting is May 30th.
- ↪ The June selection is *The Chance* by Karen Kingsbury. The meeting will be held on June 20th.

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

Planned Giving

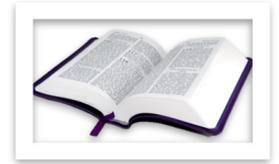
"It is not enough to look back. We need to look forward. There is much that needs to be done (children taught, the sick visited, those who mourn to be comforted, and those in trouble to be helped). Wesley is to stand as a beacon to the love and power of God; its members are to be rays spreading out to 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 maumlegacy.org. At Wesley, feel free to contact Lee Ann Crochunis or Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.

Enable hope BLESSINGS
Future Legacy HOPE vision
LEGACY vision Future Estate
LEGACY commitment Transform tomorrow enable
GOD'S MISSION, OUR GIFTS

Library Notes



During this season of Lent, as we prepare for the resurrection of our Savior, reading the Bible may be something to include in our daily time with God. These suggestions may help you to choose where to start.

Information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved.

Celebrating Jesus As Lord by Morris A. Inch (226). A study of the gospel of Matthew. Inch presents the gospel with a conviction that it should be encouraging to Christians today who are in a rapidly changing society. A "Getting Involved" section after each chapter contains questions and activities.

How to Study the Bible by Robert M. West (224). This small guide gives the principles of Bible study including methods and helps.

Mark: A Good News Commentary by Larry W. Hurtado (226). The fruit of a decade of study and reflection, this pastoral and accessible commentary indicates Mark's purpose at each point of his account, tells how the evangelist's contemporaries understood the text, and points out the Gospel's meaning for today.

Pocket Bible Handbook by Walter Elwell (224). A compact summary of the background, content, theological themes, and outlines of every book of the Bible.

Scripture: The Word Beyond the Word by Nancy A. Carter (224). This book suggests a variety of approaches to Bible study so that the student does not get into a rut always approaching study from the same perspective or using the same methods.

Life Lessons with Max Lucado: Book of Acts by Max Lucado (226). This is a workbook to study the book of Acts. Scripture readings are from both the NCV and NKJV.

Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John by Beth Moore (Audio-Visual). A DVD study of the Disciple John designed to be completed over 11 weeks. The set includes six DVDs and a leader guide.

The Secret Power of Speaking God's Word by Joyce Meyer (232). Meyer tells about having a personal problem and how God's Word dealt with it. Then she explains how to use the Word in everyday life. The bulk of the book is divided into subjects with scripture related to each subject. This makes it possible to memorize and use appropriate scriptures for various situations. Doing so is a spiritual discipline that leads to a powerful, victorious life.

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy by Beth Moore (Audio-Visual). A 12-session study of the book of Daniel with six DVDs and a leader's guide. While designed for group study, it can also be used for individual study.

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

UMM Meeting Minutes • March 11, 2019

After grace by Stanley, we had a meal prepared by Jim-Entrée, John-Salad, and Gordon, who provided dessert and beverage.

Devotion: Michael provided a message using Ephesians 3 on the width, length, height, and depth of God's love using CS Lewis analysis and definitions of Aros, Storge, Phileo, and Agape love.

Treasury Report: Jon reported that we now have \$1173 after providing \$600 to the Window Warrior campaign. So far, we have brought in \$984 on our pancake breakfasts this year.

Old Business: Our last fundraiser event for this year is the April 7th pancake breakfast.

- Gordon will replenish our paper goods supplies and bring milk
- Denny will bring orange juice and check on our butter supply
- Dave will bring sausage and confirm our pancake mix stock

New Business: There was no new business to report.

Tonight's Program: Gordon introduced us to John Coulson and John Sherdel from the Christian Athletes in Action. John Coulson provided an excited presentation on the history of a local athlete who became the greatest lefthanded pitcher ever for the St Louis Cardinals, John Sherdel's grandfather, **Wee Willie Sherdel**.

Next meeting — April 8th:

Entrée — Dave

Salad — Jon

Dessert — Chet,

Devotions — Stanley

Program for April: Randy's brother-in-law is the Health and Safety expert for the US Embassy Corp. He will provide us with a talk and presentation on the operations of the US Embassy Corp and the Health and Safety policies of the organization.



UMW Meeting Minutes • March 20, 2019

Wesley United Methodist Women meet on March 20th. There were 8 women in attendance. Our UMW 150th Legacy Anniversary program was presented by Connie Wiegel. A birthday cake was presented to celebrate the history and future of the United Methodist Women.

We discussed possible new fundraising ideas. We are going to reach out to New Life for Girls to see how we can help the women /girls that reside there.

Thank you cards and pictures were sent to our group from the gifts given by the UMW to the Board of Child Care residents and from Access Carroll for a UMW donation to support services that they provide to the community.

Our next meeting will be held on April 17th; our annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial program will be presented.

Brenda Hess

Outreach Notes • March 13, 2019

Members present: Linda Yost, Cindy Myatt, Kim Peake, Jason Montgomery, Janet Martin, Vicky Wilmer

VIM (Volunteers in Mission) — Jan Kurtz. Tarboro, North Carolina, from March 31st – April 6th

- We have 7 people going this time
- We will be taking 2 vehicles
- Plans for food

Faith Feast — Dian Rowe. April 26th

NESAP — “Taste of Spring” March 21st 6-8 PM at Crossroads. See Janet Martin for tickets.

Cold Weather Shelter — Goal for next year to provide breakfast at least once a month

Pies/Tart/Cobblers — April 14. Please see Kim Peake to sign up

Easter Baskets — Please fill an Easter basket. Return it with the age and gender for the basket by April 7th.

Alpha Baby Bottles — due March 31st.

College Students — We will reach out to them again in the fall.

Church Wide Picnic — August 25th

New Life for Girls — Have them sing and give their testimonies in June or July

Next Meeting: April 10

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 • February 27, 2019, at 7 PM

Attendees: Kim Peake (presiding), Brenda Kennedy, Janet Martin, Jason Martin, John Martin, Stephanie Halley, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Linda Hollman, Jonathan Yost, Jason Montgomery, Denny Rill, Laura Waltrup, John Sies, Matt Sichel, and Jess Sichel.

The meeting was **opened in prayer** by Kim Peake at 7:04 PM. The **devotional** was shared by Matthew Sichel and was from “The Christian’s Secret to a Happy Life,” published in 1875.

Old Business: The January Ad. Council Meeting Minutes have been emailed out. The minutes were approved with a bit of minor correction.

- There have been some email issues with the Ad. Council mailing list (adcouncil@wesleychurch-hampstead.org). These should be resolved as of this meeting. Jason Martin is also not receiving email through his jasonmartin@wesleychurch-hampstead.org email account; Jess Sichel has tested the system and does not see the problem [more investigating might be needed or the issue may be with Jason’s system.]
- During the last meeting, it was discussed that posters should be made of the Vision and/or Mission Statement of Wesley UMC; however, the type of posters was not clear. The posters should be 8.5” x 11” for each classroom and there should be two or three Vistaprint-style banners. Jess Sichel will take care of this.
- Also, the January meeting minutes are to be amended to include that projects can be added to WIP (Wesley Improvement Project) by Trustees at the approval of the Ad. Council.

Committee Reports

Trustees:

- The Trustees wish to let the congregation know that they are very grateful for all of the donations coming in for WIP (Wesley Improvement Projects). The Wesley Window Warrior project will really help refill the balance. The windows have been installed; they look great and will hopefully save us money on oil.
- The WIP program and the facility’s needs are in a constant state of flux. Many things have been identified/reidentified as needs for the church. The Trustees wanted to be able to add projects to the program as it is all for the improvement of Wesley. The committee was advised by the Finance Committee to speak to Ad. Council about this and get approval. Some of the projects to add include:
 - ↳ Repainting the Sanctuary where there was water damage
 - ↳ Repainting/Patch Painting both vestibules (had water damage)
 - ↳ Painting from the Sanctuary and stair tower through Education Wing hallway down to the fellowship hallway (dirty; doesn’t look clean)
 - ↳ Brighten up the parking lot with additional lighting (Mike Sichel has a rough estimate of approximately \$20,000 to properly do the project; Trustees will get two or three estimates for every project.

Trustees is requesting to add these projects now and other projects as they arise with the permission of the Ad. Council. At the previous Ad. Council meeting, it was noted that incremental things will be capital improvements. Also, per Laura Waltrup, it is very common for the scope of a capital campaign to change.

- ↳ **Painting:** The motion came from a committee, so a vote was taken. **All but one were in favor of the painting project (one abstention.)**
- ↳ **Lighting:** Discussion proceeded. Jonathan Yost asked what changing the lighting would entail (i.e., lighting all the time at night?) Kim Peake stated that as a whole, it appears that the Ad. Council is in favor of the project, but asked if Trustees could get back to us about the project with additional details. John Martin noted that other scopes of projects have been approved without details. Discussion continued. It was noted that prioritization is to be done by the Trustees (and the current prioritization is painting, then air conditioners, then chair lift. The motion from the committee was to include the parking lot lighting in the WIP program, and that the cost would not exceed \$20,000 at this time without further approval (not including the cost of upgrading

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the electricity for the lighting, which also needs to be added later.) **A vote was taken. All but one were in favor of the lighting project (one abstention.)**

- The March Trustees meeting will be adjusted in date and/or time due to the Ash Wednesday service.

Education

- VBS is scheduled for the week of June 23rd
- On Palm Sunday, there will be a joint Sunday School activity similar to what was done right before Advent [all are welcome to participate!]

Youth

- (Stephanie Halley reporting for Madison Smith, Youth Representative to Ad. Council): The Sr. High Girls' Bible Study is awesome. The girls decided at their last meeting that they would like to start a junior youth group. They will be leading a 4th/5th/6th grader youth program, probably starting next Fall. Stephanie noted that this is kids leading ministry and said that the girls are excited about it. There will be more from Madison at the next Ad. Council meeting.
- Next weekend is the Youth Retreat at Camp Eder.
- The most recent Destination Unknown: Outreach helped some of the kids make Linus blankets; another group made/stained wooden cross centerpieces for the fellowship hall. This is a good example of the rest of church engaging with the Youth.
- There is a Youth and Family Mission Trip scheduled for July. The Montgomerys are leading the trip to Cherokee, NC, where the group will be staying on an Indian Reservation.

Worship: No further report.

Finance: Reports were emailed out ahead of time. Good news: we aren't broke!

Outreach

- Outreach is holding a Pie/Tart/Cobbler sale on Palm Sunday. Bakers and buyers are needed; special requests are also being taken.
- The mission trip to Tarboro, NC, will go from March 31st through the following Saturday (April 6th).
- Baby bottles need to be turned in by March 17th (St. Patty's Day)
- The NESAP "Taste of Spring" will be Thursday, March 21st. Janet Martin has tickets; prices are \$25 for two, \$15 for one. There will be, among other thing(s), music and tasting from local restaurants.

Pastor

- Lent starts next week
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
- A sermon series on the "Sermon on the Mount" starts with the Beatitudes on Ash Wednesday and follows on Sunday morning [Sundays through Palm Sunday]
- There is a Spiritual Gifts Study being held on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 PM and Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 AM.
- Rev. Amy's second residency was two weeks ago; it was wonderful!

Endowment: Previous discussion: there are many ways to give financially to the church and the endowment fund; however, in an effort to build the endowment fund, it was suggested that any memorial donations that come in which are NOT specifically designated be split 50/50 between the endowment fund and memorials. This was referred back to the Memorials committee, who was in agreement with the idea. From there, it came back to Ad. Council for discussion and approval. It is hoped that this decision would be effective as of 2019. Discussion followed.

✎ In the past, the family was consulted before money was spent. We are trying to get away from that; however, a family can always designate money for a particular cause (i.e., the Harrell's scholarship fund.)

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✎ We could put something into the Journal to make folks aware of the change in practice to notify the church families. Also, Memorials can be depended upon to make families aware. It was decided that Laura Waltrup will write the notification for the Journal, and Jess will print it for two months in the Journal.

All in favor? The “ayes” have it and the decision carries.

Membership: Sandy followed up with the Maryland Faith Health Network about doing a financial workshop; however, in order to participate, the church congregation needs to meet a certain financial threshold. We do not qualify.

UMM

- Pancake Breakfasts: \$600+/- came in between the two breakfasts already held. The money goes to the Westminster Rescue Mission this year.
- The UMM has also purchased a window for the church.

UMW: No report

Visitation: Reenie needs visits! Also, there was a question about cross-referencing attendance. If you notice someone is missing, tell Rev. Amy and visitation may be consulted.

Spiritual Gifts: In a retreat earlier this year, discussion about having a more in-depth look into spiritual gifts was held. This issue has pretty much resolved itself with Rev. Amy’s Spiritual Gifts Studies.

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Matt Sichel reported about the General Conference Special Session on Human Sexuality. He sent email updates during the conference. The conference was tough. Hopes and understandings of some people were not realized, which led to a deep surprise and a lot of anger. Because of the anger, the debate became acidic. Filibustering-type activities followed. Things did not go as anticipated, and there was much emotion involved. There was also a great amount of division, to the point that there was a large disruption.

Stephanie Halley went on record to say that she was utterly heartbroken about the decision of the General Conference and that others are, as well. She said that it is important to recognize that there are people who are really hurting over this decision. Matt’s response was that we need to love each other a lot better than we have done, and we also need to recognize that a lot of the problem is because we haven’t talked to each other. We aren’t really communicating; we are not really listening. Matt was watching people “talk past each other.” He stated that if you aren’t learning how to articulate the “other” position in a faithful manner [whatever the “other” is from you], then you’ve missed it.

The future is unclear, and there are a lot of hurting people here and everywhere. It is easy to make mistakes when in pain.

Question: Were the exit plans raised? Answer: An exit plan did make it out of debate, but it may be unconstitutional. The Judicial Council will decide on that in April.

It is vitally important to have love and respect, and to be clear that the doors to the church and the communion table are open to ANYONE.

The Bishop will be conducting [an information-sharing] live-streamed session on Saturday, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Reminder: Tomorrow is the Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser from 3-10pm; 10% of your bill comes back to the Capital Fundraising Committee [which is then designated to WIP.] Also, pray for the Phillips family and for the church.

The **March devotion** will be by Christian Ed. (There is a schedule for devotions to be done by groups of the church throughout the year. The meeting was **closed in prayer** by Jess Sichel at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



APRIL 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 VIM Trip to Tarboro, NC	2 GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 Visitation 12 Noon at J&P's Restaurant Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	4 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) Choir Practice 7 PM	5 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	6	
7 Pancake Breakfast to Support West. Rescue Mission 9 to 11 AM Youth: Youth Group @ the Cave 6 to 8 PM	8 UMM at 6:30 PM	9 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM	10 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	11 Spiritual Gifts Study 10—11 AM (Harrell Library) Choir Practice 7 PM	12 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Bible Study 6-8 PM	13	
14 Palm Sunday 9:45 AM Churchwide Easter Activity in the Fellowship Hall Outreach Pie/Cobbler/Tart Sale!	15 May Journal Submissions Due!	16 GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM Secretary Away	17 Office CLOSED UMW 6:30 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	18 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Tenebrae and Holy Communion 7 PM	19 Good Friday Office CLOSED	20	
21 Resurrection Sunday! Alleluia! 7 AM Easter "Sonrise" Service at the Houck Farm 11 AM Worship Service with Easter Cantata	22 Secretary Away	23 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM	24 Office CLOSED Administrative Council 7 PM Spring Clean-Up with Boy Scouts Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	25 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. in Manchester, MD 12:30 PM Choir Practice 7 PM	26 Faith Feast at St. John's UMC, 12 PM Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Bible Study 6-8 PM Sr. High Guys' Night	27 Possible Spring Clean-Up with Boy Scouts	
28 Youth: Destination Unknown, 4 to 6 PM	29 Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM	30 GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Regular Worship Schedule: 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School				10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Traditional Worship Nursery Care During All Services

SCHEDULE OF



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.

April Worship Participants...

		<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Junior Church</u>
April 7	8:45 AM	Charlotte Dorsey and <i>Need</i>			
	11 AM	<i>Need*</i>	Linda Hollman	Katherine Crochunis	Linda Yost
April 14	8:45 AM	<i>Need*</i>			
	11 AM	<i>Need*</i>	Jess Sichel	Rose Sichel	Jan Kurtz
April 21	7 AM	N/A			
	11 AM	<i>Need*</i>	Laura Waltrup	Lyla Montgomery	<i>No Junior Church</i>
April 28	8:45 AM	<i>Need*</i>			
	11 AM	<i>Need*</i>	Michael Eastwood	Isaac Sichel	Rose Hohmes

* If you would like to sign-up to be an usher/greeter for April, please contact Jess Sichel in the church office at (410) 374-4027. Thanks!

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