



*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.*

## From the desk of the Pastor...

If you were to ask me about my guilty pleasures, one of these would surely be my love of PBS Sunday night dramas. I loved watching every single episode of Downton Abbey, Victoria, and (more recently) the Poldark series. I love being transported back in time to a different historical epoch and getting involved with the different story-lines, brought to life so vividly by the character actors. When these television epics come to an end

and I need to say good-bye to the characters, I always feel a little sad. They have become part of my life (albeit briefly), and I will miss them. I also feel grateful.

I couldn't help but think about Wesley UM Church as I watched a video this week that depicted a behind-the-

scenes look at shooting the Season Five finale of Poldark. As the characters hugged and reminisced, I was reminded of all the Wesley folk who will be moving off different administrative committees of our church this year, both as Chairpersons and members-at-large. 2019 just happens to be the year when a number of our "church pillars" will get a well-deserved rest from very hard work. You know who you are! I think of all that has been accomplished with God's help during our "seasons" together: a new Endowment Fund, town-hall meetings, Wesley Improvement Projects, "Let's Talk" sessions, moving soon from being "lay character" to "ordained character" to name just a few of the "story lines" we have written together over the past few years. As we "shoot" our "final scene" together in December of 2019, I cannot help but feel a little sad about saying farewell to some of the finest lay leadership I have worked with in thirty years of ministry.

But I am also incredibly grateful. You have been a part of my life but also, more importantly, part of Wesley's life during this "historical epoch." You have served well as stewards of this church, along with that "great cloud of witnesses" that went before you in your varied roles of service here at Wesley. In short, your work has been "epic," and it is an honor and joy to serve alongside of you here. Remember, God has seen your work, even when it has been hard and you perhaps felt a little under-appreciated. I am sure the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" are echoing throughout heaven as your gifts of time and talent come to a close.

Thank you, all, from the bottom of my heart. A blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas to you. Enjoy your well-deserved rest in the New Year.

Love, Rev. Amy



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## DECEMBER Birthdays

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| 4  | Zelda Wilhelm               | Madison Smith          |
| 5  | Celee Montgomery            | Charlie Weaver         |
|    | H. Lee Smith                | 16 Katherine Crochunis |
| 6  | Cole Graf                   | Betsy Sennett          |
| 8  | Jaime (nee DeVilbiss) Green | 18 Jessica Sichel      |
|    | Wesley Senseney             | 20 Cheryl Gore         |
| 9  | Kathe Lippy                 | 21 Cheyenne Graf       |
| 10 | Ricky Catron                | Bill Harris            |
| 11 | Bonnie Catron               | Wayne Rill             |
| 14 | Roxane Brewer               | 23 Kyle Phillips       |
| 15 | Michael Eastwood            | 26 Logan Rill          |
|    | Randy Kurtz                 | 30 Jonathan Elmo       |



**Updating Your Contact Info.**

Please contact **Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary**, by e-mail at [baldor1@comcast.net](mailto:baldor1@comcast.net) or by phone at **410-876-5295** 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.

**Our Condolences...**

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Steven G. Hull**, husband of **Ann Hull**, who passed into life eternal on Monday, November 18th. Steve was the founder of **The Least of These Ministries**, a mission to share hope among the poor in the Dominican Republic by offering food, physical help, and faith. May God comfort you as you mourn Steve's passing and celebrate his life.



**Contact Info. Updates:** Please note that the city listed for **Charles Harrell** should be **"Prince Frederick, MD"** instead of **"Frederick, MD."** Also, please welcome **Kathy Gutierrez** into our membership! Her address is: **325 Pleasanton Rd., #14, Westminster, MD 21157; phone: (813) 767-3593.**



### Members to Keep in Prayer (Cards and Calls Welcome!)

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Hampstead, MD 21074

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Manchester, MD 21107



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



"Thank You For Blessing Our Ministry. Your Gifts Are Appreciated!"

"Thank you for the blessings you have given us. The books are very much appreciated. May God continue to bless you in your ministry! Love, Rebecca"

"Thank you so much! We enjoyed our time there and thank you so much for the books. Love, Lori"

"Thank You for all the love shown and given to our Ministry. May God bless you All. Patrice"

"Thank you for blessing us with what God led you to do for us here at NLF. God bless & appreciate everything. Love, Meredith"

"Thank you for all your love and support! Susie"

*[Ladies of New Life for Girls]*

To Our Friends at Wesley United Methodist Outreach,

I can't tell you how much we appreciate your support to help our neighbors in need with a hand up. This is the time of year when many families and individuals are the most vulnerable. Thanks to your generous gift we didn't have to turn anyone away that needed help. Through the first 9 months of 2019 NESAP was able to provide clothing, food, housing, school supplies, medical, transportation and utility assistance to individuals and families in our local community totaling \$108,686.60, fulfilling 1299 service requests. In September alone we provided 154 services which included 267 bags of groceries and \$13,469.67 in financial assistance.

Thank you! You have made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. Thanks to you and the other generous donors NESAP was able to do God's work as it has since 1984. Here is just one example of how your donation helped a neighbor in their time of need.

"[We] wanted to thank you all for ... paying our BGE turn-off notice, as well as ... with our prescriptions. I really do not know what we would have done without your help."

*Blessings, Donn Dietrich, Executive Director, NESAP*

*1 John 3:18: Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. Thank you for loving with actions!*

Dear Wesley United Methodist Outreach,

Thank you 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 our programs are being challenged daily with an increasing number of requests for assistance. We very much appreciate your support of our efforts to help Carroll County families in need.

During this fall season The Shepherd's Staff has been busy serving and meeting the needs of many individuals and families with...ongoing services. Thank you again for your generous contribution.

*Blessings, THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF*

*"Our family recently had a drastic change in income and we are very grateful for this program."*

## Advent and Christmas Worship Services and Activities



**December 1**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent: Hope)

**Worship Services** at 8:45 and 11 AM  
**Combined Sunday School** 9:45 AM

**December 5** (Thursday)

**Advent Study: "Protagonist"** 10 to 11:30 AM



**December 8**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Peace)

**Worship Services** at 8:45 and 11 AM  
**Christmas Caroling** following the 11 AM Worship Service  
**"A Night of Holiday Music" Christmas Concerts** at 5 PM and 7 PM

**December 12** (Thursday)

**Advent Study: "Protagonist"**  
10 to 11:30 AM



**December 15**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Joy)

**Worship Service** at 8:45 AM  
**Worship Service with Christmas Cantata** at 11 AM  
**Cookie Walk** after Worship Services  
**Christmas Family Gift Deadline**



**December 19** (Thursday)

**Advent Study: "Protagonist"** 10 to 11:30 AM



**December 22**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent: Love)

**Worship Services** at 8:45 and 11 AM  
**Children's Christmas Pageant** at 11 AM

**December 24** (Christmas Eve)

**Family Worship Service** at 4 PM  
**Candlelight Worship Service** at 11 PM

*Christmas*  
EVE

## December Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



**December 1** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent): Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**December 8** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**December 15** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent): Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**December 22** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent): Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**December 24/25** (Christmas Eve/Day): Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

**December 29** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas): Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 1:13-23

**December 31 / Jan. 1** (Watch Night / New Year): Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46



## Outreach News and Notes

- ✧ On behalf of Outreach, we would like to thank everyone who made our soup sale a yummy success. The soup was just in time for the cooler weather.
- ✧ The Christmas season is upon us and Wesley has sponsored 4 families through the NESAP Christmas program. Please help us provide a happy Christmas to these families by taking a tag or two off of the Christmas tree in the back of the church. Purchase the gift, wrap it and place the tag on it, and return it to the church by December 15th. Any questions? Please contact Cindy at (410) 596-5391 or candcmymmatt@gmail.com.
- ✧ Mark your calendar for the Annual Baked Potato Luncheon following the 11 AM Worship Service on January 26, 2020 (snow date: February 2). Once again, we will offer baked potatoes and fixin's, chili, and salad. Come on out and bring a friend!



## ADVENT



This is the time of year we must sink down into the ancient story of God's people and remember what it means to hope. We walk with them on the desert road. We ache and thrill with the Prophets. We sing along with the Poets. We wait with anticipation for Jesus to step into the Story. We could never get to him. Our only hope is that he comes to us. And in the fullness of time, the plot takes a scandalous turn that we dared not even imagine. The Creator steps into the Story, and takes on the lead role. The Author becomes the Protagonist (main character in a drama or story.)

Advent is the turn of the Story. It is a season in the Christian calendar that awakens our kingdom imagination as we intentionally enter into a time of waiting, longing for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

Let us join together for an Advent Story beginning on Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Church library. We will meet for the following two Thursday mornings (Dec. 12 and 19) as we journey toward Christmas.

Please call Linda Yost at 443-605-8295 or email her at [LJYost@verizon.net](mailto:LJYost@verizon.net) to register. Books will be distributed to participants ahead of time in preparation for the first session.

## LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

Join us for..

# A Night of Holiday Music



**December 8, 2019 ✧ 5 PM & 7 PM**

Featuring Bill Harris and Abby Otradovec , Special Guest Paul McGill, Lisa & Paul Kemp, Celee Montgomery, Alayna Mahosky, and a Very Special Lineup of Talented Musicians, Including Lana Montgomery, Circle of Friends: Betty McGuire, Leesa Wong, Michelle Sipes, and Tanya Imbraguglio and Wesley UMC's Own Choir ✧ Hosted by the Capital Fundraising Committee to Benefit the Wesley UMC Improvements Program

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## Pancake Breakfasts! Yum....



The United Methodist Men are hosting Pancake Breakfasts to support the Carroll County Veterans Independence Project this winter!

The next dates are: January 19th, February 16th, and March 15th.

Pancakes, etc., will be served from 9 to 11 AM, and free will donations for the Project will be received. Thanks for your support!

## Youth Group @ Wesley: December 2019

Mark your calendar!!

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

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| Dec 6                | Rock n' Bowl, 10 PM to 12 AM<br>@ Greenmount Bowl (\$15/person)                  |
| Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Caroling & Treats (Jr. High/Tweens; RSVP)<br>Holiday Concerts, 5 & 7 PM @ Wesley |
| Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> | Sr. High Girls' Study, 6 PM  |
| Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> | Destination Unknown  |
| Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> | Sr. High Girls' Study 6 PM; Sr. High Guys' Night Out                             |

Every Sunday morning... Youth meet in THE CAVE, 9.45-10.45am  
Worship services: 8.45am – Contemporary Worship  
11am – Traditional Worship



## Annual Cookie Walk for Outreach!

**Come join Wesley Outreach for its Annual Cookie Walk!**

A selection of homemade cookies will be available to purchase at \$4 per dozen.



**When:** Sunday, December 15, 2019

After Worship Services

**Where:** Wesley Choir Room



If you can volunteer to bake a batch of homemade cookies for the Cookie Walk, please contact Cindy at (410) 596-5391 or candcmyatt@gmail.com.

## Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service



**Are you having difficulty thinking about Christmas celebrations?**

You are invited to join us for a very special service on

**Saturday, December 21, 2019,  
at 7 PM**

Delivered by our Pastor, Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill, this service will be especially for those who may have more difficulty getting into the Christmas spirit this year.

## Bereavement Support Groups



The below programs are held at Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster:

**Mending Hearts:** Open to those who have experienced a death of a child of any age. This group addresses emotional issues surrounding the loss and offers coping strategies. Third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 PM. *No registration required.*

**Grief after a Substance Abuse Loss Support Group:** Open to those who have experienced the death of a loved one related to substance abuse or addictions. The group addresses the unique emotional issues surrounding the loss and offers coping strategies. First Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6:30 PM. *No registration required.*

**Widows and Widowers Support Group:** Open to women and men of all ages who have experienced a death of a spouse or partner. Attendees receive emotional support and discuss techniques to successfully cope with their grief. First Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 PM. *No registration required.*

*For more information, please call Carroll Hospice at (410) 871-7656.*

## Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



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 most of its upcoming meetings at 12:30 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co. (2965 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MD 21102.)**

- ↪ The December selection is ***Loving Frank*** by Nancy Horan (the story/diary of a love affair between Mamah Borthwick Cheney and Frank Lloyd Wright.) The meeting will be on December 26th at the home of Fran Crispin (2106 Star View Court, Hampstead, MD 21074.)
- ↪ The January selection is ***Royal Holiday*** by Jasmine Guillory. The meeting will be on Thursday, January 30th.
- ↪ The February selection is ***The Giver of Stars*** by Jojo Moyes. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 27th.
- ↪ The March selection is ***Ordinary Grace*** by William Kent Kreuger. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 26.

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

## Transitions... A Note from Stephanie Halley

Dear friends,

After discussing with SPRC/Ad Council, I am writing to share with you an incredible opportunity for mission work - for me, my family, and hopefully for Wesley Church as well. I have been offered and have accepted the position of Executive Director at the Westminster Rescue Mission/Addiction Healing Center. The organization and mission are near to my heart. God has placed this call before our family in an amazing way. The ministry I have been doing at Wesley and the learning that I've been doing with you and at seminary have led me to the decision to continue my pastoral studies and begin to use what I'm learning in the local mission field.



Given this call to the mission field, I am resigning as a staff member at Wesley UMC at the end of December. **Our family will continue to worship with you, to learn alongside of you, and to serve as members in our church**, but I will no longer serve in the capacities in which I have been for the past 5 1/2 years.

As you can imagine, this decision comes with much joy, but also with some difficulty in stepping back from ministries I so love.

I ask for your prayers for our family's new journey and mission, for the men and women we will be serving, and for Wesley UMC as our church discerns the next phase of growing into God's will for our ministries.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported me. I look forward to what is on the horizon for how we will be able to be in ministry together, in new ways!!

*In service together, Stephanie*

## Church Planning Retreat



**Feeling the Holy Spirit moving you?  
What do you think God has in mind for the future of Wesley UMC?**

Come join with the leadership of the congregation for our

**Church Planning Retreat  
on Saturday, January 11, 2020  
from 8:30 AM to 2 PM**

*(Snow Date: January 18, 2020)*

when we will evaluate our goals, discuss the future of Wesley UMC, and set up plans for the New Year.

Come and be a part of the visioning for Wesley UMC and the Kingdom of God!

## Opioid Crisis Conversation and Narcan Training



Mark your calendars: The United Methodist Men are inviting all in the church to their **January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting**, when the Carroll County Health Department will be providing a message on the Opioid Crisis and Narcan training. If you have any questions, please contact UMW President Randy Kurtz at (410) 374-0441 or at Magic\_sails@yahoo.com.

## 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](http://maumflegacy.org). At Wesley, feel free to contact Lee Ann Crochunis or Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



## Library Notes



"Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, may this month of pine and spruce and balsam, this month of holly wreaths and candle glow, this month of visiting, homecoming, song and laughter, this month of giving and getting of gifts, be, above all, Christ's month...Make us as quiet of heart and mind as the Judean hills, so that, like serene shepherds, we may hear the heavenly voices, and partake of the heavenly joy, and gladly obey the heavenly command to go to that humble place where Christ can be found. In His name, Amen." From *In Unexpected Places*

Some suggestions for this month of Christ (**information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved**):

*Christmas Jars* by Jason F. Wright (Fiction). Hope Jensen is a young, single woman and an aspiring newspaper writer, and when she receives a much needed, but anonymous Christmas gift, she's determined to find her benefactor. That search leads her to an unusual family with a longstanding Christmas tradition. Sensing a front-page feature article, Hope desperately wants to publish their story, but doing so would be a breach of trust. What she decides to do will change her life forever. This Christmas tale is a heartwarming story that will restore your faith in mankind and make you want to start your own Christmas Jar tradition.

*Miracle in the Manger* by Tim Wesemann (Children). This is the story of the birth of Jesus told for very young children.

*In Unexpected Places* by Harold Kohn (240) This is a collection of sketches, poems, prayers, thoughts, and advice about the season of Christmas. It encourages us to, during shopping, rushing, decorating, and planning, do our Christmas **thinking** early.

*Two From Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes (Fiction) One hushed Christmas Eve several years ago, a woman sat in a darkened church. The greens, the carols, the beauty of the night—all contributed to the expectant stillness that filled the church. Suddenly, she became aware of the strong sweet smell of the hay in the candlelit manger. [She realized that the Christmas story really happened.] The impact of the discovery was overwhelming, and the woman left the church that night determined to tell the story of two real people whose lives were touched by God.

*Home for Christmas* by Marble Cove [ Anne Marie Rodgers] (Fiction) It's Christmastime in Marble Cove, and Margaret gets an unexpected and unwanted gift: a letter from the IRS. On top of that, her mother's beloved angel ornament is missing. Is it any wonder Margaret is having a hard time finding her Christmas spirit? Meanwhile, Diane looks forward to spending time with her kids and sharing some great news. Shelley receives a shock when a social worker arrives on her doorstep. Will her niece Hailey be taken away before she even settles in? And Beverly is determined to make her first Christmas with Jeff perfect—until a blizzard threatens all the Newport Avenue neighbors' best-laid plans and reminds them of the true meaning of the holiday. Volume 19 in the Miracles of Marble Cove Series.

*Christmas: Reflections on the Joy of the Season* by Heather Russell-Revesz (800) Peace. Love. Joy. Nowadays our daily lives are so rushed and harried that often "the most wonderful time of the year" turns into "the most stressful time of the year." The collection of quotes gathered in *Christmas: Reflections on the Joy of the Season* will hopefully remind readers what the holiday season is all about.

*The Purpose of Christmas* by Rick Warren (230) Why is Christmas such a big deal? If you stop to think about it, it is astounding that the simple, unassuming birth of a peasant baby boy more than two thousand years ago in the Middle East can today cause traffic jams every December in places like New York City, Tokyo, and Rio de Janeiro. The night Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, a small group of poor shepherds were quietly tending their flocks of sheep in a nearby field, looking up at the stars. Nothing seemed any different from a thousand other nights. But what was about to happen would transform not only their lives but billions of other lives as well. The world would never be the same again.

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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**

## United Methodist Women's Report • November 2019

Our Wesley UMW unit did not meet for our regular meeting in October 16, due to illnesses and some women being out of town and unable to attend.

Our UMW meeting for November was cancelled due to Wesley Ad Council Mtg. which was being held the same evening that we would have had our meeting. No other dates in November could suit everyone, so we cancelled the meeting.

Several United Methodist Women have been invited again this year to help with the annual Christmas wrapping event at the Board of Child Care on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our United Methodist Women's unit will also be providing Christmas gifts to three young males residing at the Board of Child Care residence.

The UMW will be meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas gathering. Dolores Bennet will be hosting at her home. There will be food, fellowship and a Secret Santa gift exchange.

*Submitted by Brenda Hess*

## United Methodist Men • November 11, 2019

After prayers by Dave, we had a meal prepared by Mike—Entrée, Gordon—Salad, Denny—Dessert and Beverages.

**Devotion:** Dave provided devotions based on the first Veteran's Day 100 years ago and the Shields of Strength dog tags that have inspired the military.

**Secretary Report:** Mike reviewed our October meeting minutes.

**Treasure Report:** Jon reported that we now have \$582 excluding tonight.

### Old Business

- November 17<sup>th</sup> Pancake breakfast:
  - ☞ Dave will get 3 boxes of pancake mix and 150 sausage
  - ☞ Dennis will get 2 gallons of orange juice
  - ☞ Gordon will get more paper goods
  - ☞ George will get a gallon of milk.
  - ☞ John will get a quart of blueberries
  - ☞ We agreed that we have ample syrup and butter at this time
- Mike will notify Jessie for the pancake breakfast and about opening up the January meeting to the church for the CC Health Department presentation on the Opioid issues.
- Future breakfasts are still on schedule as follows: January 19th, February 16th, March 15th
- Next meeting (December 9th): We do not yet have a speaker. Entrée—Jim, Salad—George, Dessert and Beverage—Dieter, Devotions—Jon

### New Business

Randy noted that we need to identify a local organization to be sponsored for this year. Dieter motioned that we support Veteran Independent Program. Motion was approved. John will provide contact information.

For the program for tonight, we all shared experiences of the veterans in our group.

**Outreach Minutes • November 13, 2019**

**Members present:** Jan Kurtz, Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Cindy Myatt, Jason Montgomery, Rev. Amy, Davona Palmer, Kim Peake, Sallie Taylor, and Janet Martin

**Treasurer's Report:** Soup Sale — Sold 98 quarts; Greenmount Station Fundraiser — \$175

**Faith Feast:** Dian

- Numbers are small
- St John's is supposed to be leading since NESAP gave up leadership but has yet to call a meeting
- No schedule for the new year
- Nov. 22 is our last time serving for this calendar year.
- Rev. Amy will contact the minister to follow up.

**College Students:** Mailing packages this week; need people to mail the boxes

**Operation Christmas Child:** Brenda. 54 boxes packed at women's retreat; need money for postage

**Cookie Walk:** Sunday, December 15th

**Caroling:** Dec 8 with the youth

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Janet/Vicky will deliver to NESAP the week of Thanksgiving

**Baked Potato Luncheon:** Jan 26; Rain date Feb 2

**Christmas Families:** Cindy. 4 families; we will provide them each with a Bible

**UMM Narcan Training Here at the Church:**

- January 13 working with UMM.
- Jan will prepare a signup sheet
- Dinner at 6:00; Training at 7:30

**Helping a Family Who Has Lost a Loved One to Overdose**

**Work with the Detention Center:** Need to reschedule

- Prison Ministry Banquet held each year 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov.
- Looking for ways to support people as they return to the community

**Homeless Outreach:** January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

- Initially bring sandwiches and hot drink
- Ziploc bags with needed items
- Make contact to help determine needs.

**Chart of Outreach Activities for the Year:** Please look it over and see which activity you are willing to lead

**New Business:** Rummage sale in the Spring. Items would be brought in the week of the sale and removed right after the sale.

**Next Meeting:** January 8th

**Charge Conference Minutes • October 23, 2019**

Charge Conference for Wesley UMC opened on October 23, 2019, at 7:00pm at the Social Hall of Pleasant Grove UMC with a welcome from its pastor, the Rev. Dick Harden, and the Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade, District Superintendent for the Baltimore-Suburban District and Presiding Elder for the Charge Conference. Churches present were: Pleasant Grove, Mt. Zion (Black Rock), Millers, Bixlers, Greenmount, St. John's, Grace (Black Rock), Wesley, Patapsco & Shiloh.

Present from Wesley: Rev. Amy & Mr. Denny Rill; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Jessica Sichel, Miss Rose Sichel, Mr. Isaac Sichel, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan and Linda Yost; Mrs. Brenda Hess; Mrs. Vicky Wilmer; Mrs. Pam Phillips; Mrs. Sandy Cole; Mrs. Laura Waltrup; Mr. John Sies; Mrs. Kim Peake; Mr. John Martin; Miss Cynthia Davey; Mr. Michael Eastwood; Mrs. Stephanie Halley; Mr. & Mrs. George and Jocelyn Davey.

The Scripture lesson was Exodus 14 and the escape of the Israelites across the Red Sea. Rev. Laprade noted that with the turmoil in the United Methodist Church it looks like there will be no return to the condition of pre 2019 and the Special General Conference, just like the Israelites could not go back to Egypt. However, she challenged everyone to move forward into the Red Sea of the future in faith, knowing that God would make a path for all of us through the uncertainty.

Following the devotional exercises, the Conference business began. We viewed a video from Bishop Easterling about the Bible Study being offered by the Conference called, "Who Are We? A journey from head to heart." The study is meant to help us understand both our differences and appreciate our similarities as we approach our Christian faith as United Methodists.

Next, Rev. Laprade presented the questions required for the Charge Conference reports. Each church presented in turn: Milers-Bixlers Charge; Mt. Zion; North Carroll Cooperative Parish; Pleasant Grove; Shiloh-Patapsco; Wesley.

For Wesley, Rev. Amy spoke about the challenges facing the whole denomination due to divisions over human sexuality. She lauded our strong laity who, in their desire to report on these divisions, developed a program to do so. Our "Let's Talk" gatherings were a success and she thanked the lay leadership of Wesley. She noted that Wesley is the church that "has her heart."

Wesley approved its lay leadership report, still needing to name a Finance Committee Chairperson [and needing additional edits due to errors made by Jess Sichel in the preparation of the form.] Wesley approved the Clergy Compensation Report.

Linda Yost gave her report as a Certified Lay Servant, noting that she has a lot of competition for pulpit supply from Wesley's two seminary students. She is also Conference UMW president. She was affirmed unanimously.

Matt Sichel was approved as a Certified Lay Servant and as a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry unanimously. He gave a report emphasizing the importance of Sunday School education for all ages.

Stephanie Halley was approved as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry unanimously. She gave a report about youth ministry at Wesley, but she challenged the church to go out and find the people who are in need of the fellowship of the church. She also emphasized the importance of rethinking children and youth ministry.

Matt witnessed to the power and gift of Wesley fully supporting two seminary students. [He also expressed concern about the attention given to local UMCs by the Conference.]

All other churches present gave their reports. Dick Harden thanked everyone for coming to Pleasant Grove and invited everyone to support their new ministry called, "The Gathering Table," which is a dinner church that meets on Saturday evening in their Social Hall. Lynn Sheavely, former director of NESAP is the spiritual leader for that new service.

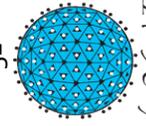
Rev. Laprade closed in prayer and the 2019 Charge Conference adjourned at 8:45pm.

***Minutes Submitted by Mr. Matthew Sichel and Edited by Mrs. Jessica Sichel***



# DECEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1: <i>Sunday of Hope</i> Combined Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Group 6 to 8 PM @ the Cave <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved (DeVilbiss)</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 GriefShare in the Harrell Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Visitation Meeting, J&amp;Ps Restaurant, 12 PM Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Praise Team 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Advent Devotional Study 10 AM to 11:30 AM in the Harrell Library Chancel Choir 7 PM</p>	<p>6 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8: <i>Sunday of Peace</i> <i>Horner and Baummiller Baptisms 11 AM</i> Christmas Caroling following 11 AM Worship "A Night of Holiday Music" Concerts 5 &amp; 7 PM</p>	<p>9 UMM at 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare in the Harrell Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Praise Team 6 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Advent Devotional Study 10 AM to 11:30 AM in the Harrell Library Chancel Choir 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Study</p>	<p>14 <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved</i></p>
<p>15: <i>Sunday of Joy</i> Cookie Walk after Services (Choir Room) Christmas Cantata 11 AM Worship Service Youth: Destination Unknown <i>Christmas Family Gifts &amp; January Journal</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Praise Team 6 PM UMW at Home of Delores Bennett 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Advent Devotional Study 10 AM to 11:30 AM in the Harrell Library Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM</p>	<p>20 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sr. High Girls' Study Sr. High Boys' Night Out</p>	<p>21  Longest Night / Blue Christmas Worship Service 7 PM</p>
<p>22: <i>Sunday of Love</i> Christmas Pageant at 11 AM After-Church Lunch Bunch @ Greenmount Station 12:30 PM</p>	<p>23 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>24 4 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service 11 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25 </p>	<p>26 Book Club at the Home of Fran Crispin 12:30 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM Office CLOSED</p>	<p>31  <i>New Year's Eve</i></p>	<p>Regular Worship Schedule: 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Traditional Worship Nursery Care During All Services</p>		

## SCHEDULE OF



## WORSHIP

### Regular Worship Schedule

- 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Fellowship Time
- 11 AM Traditional Worship Service AM

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**Office Drop-In Hours:** See Calendar Inside!

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

### *Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Wreath Lighters, & Liturgists Needed for 8.45 & 11 AM Services*

Our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. These are things we are to give back to God out of love. Different people are called to do different things, and perhaps you might be feeling a nudge from God to fit into the body of Christ. Some areas to consider are the roles of Ushers/Greeters, Acolytes, and/or Liturgists. Ushers/Greeters are some of the first faces seen when congregants and visitors come to the church. Acolytes are a tangible way for our younger children to participate in the worship services; they carry the light of Christ into and out of the Sanctuary. Wreath lighters light the Advent Candles with friends or family and read a short piece during Worship as we direct our thoughts to the second coming of Christ. Liturgists help lead the service during worship by guiding the congregation and speaking the Word of Truth.

Please prayerfully consider participating in these ways, and if you feel called to do so, let Jess Sichel, the Church Secretary, know by calling (410) 374-4027 or emailing [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org), or drop a line to Rev. Amy at (443) 604-5245 or [revamys@aol.com](mailto:revamys@aol.com). **No experience is required; training in these roles can be provided. Come and serve the Lord with gladness!**

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