



*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...



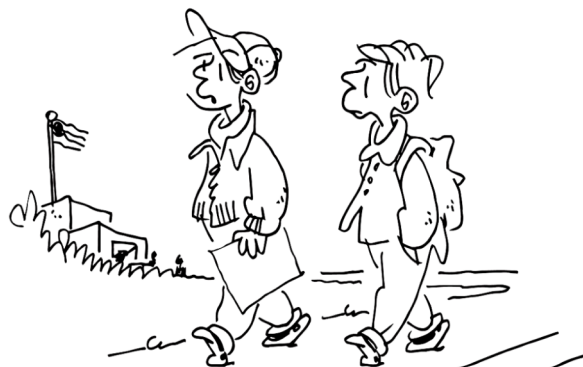
*Happy  
New  
Year!*

*Love, Rev. Amy*



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*"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."*

Happy New Year! This is a reminder of our annual Administrative Council Church **Planning Retreat** on **Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 2 PM** (snow Date: January 18).

**All members/friends of Wesley are invited to attend.** We will evaluate our 2019 goals, discuss the future of Wesley UMC, and set goals for the New Year.

If you are a chairperson and are not able to attend please send a representative from your committee.

If you can bring a breakfast item/light snacks to share, please let me know. Drinks will be provided.

Thank you for all that you do for Wesley Church!  
**God's Blessings, Pam Phillips (410-596-0777)**



## January Birthdays

3	Dennis L. Rill	20	Taylor Miller
4	H. Elsie Zumbrun	21	Joshua Ejik
5	Kim Peake	22	Bradley Rill
6	Jan Kurtz	25	Brady Jansson
7	Bill Connor		Ally Subock
9	Evan Mahosky	26	Janet Martin
10	George Davey		Darwin Sater
	Donald Lippy	27	Gary Wilmer
12	Chet Phillips	28	Roger Daugherty
14	Zeke Halley		Irene Davis
15	Dot Benedict		Keegan Rill
17	Colton Horner		Darilyn Thompson
	Tracey Rill		Austin Wilson
18	George Brooks	30	Scott Palmer
	Drew Hohmes	31	Charlotte Gyory
	Dan Pfoutz		Aaron Horner
19	Sandy Cole		
	Roy Rill		



## January Anniversaries

6	Michael & Lee Ann Crochunis
25	Gregory & Courtney Horner

### Congratulations to...

Mindy & Allen Dehority on the birth of their daughter, Sloane Lucy Dehority, on December 4th. Sloan's grandparents are Roger & Patricia Daugherty, and her great-grandparent is Stanley Harrell.

Sterling Beam and Joe on the birth of their baby girl, Scarlett Rose. Scarlett is Mike Beam's granddaughter and Cherie & Mike Hughes' great-niece.

Storm Smith, daughter of Wayde and Susan Smith, who graduated from USF on December 13, 2019, with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science.

### 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.

### Change in Address



Kathy Miller 740 Wilford Court, Westminster, MD 21158	Selena (Brewer) & Andrew Mowery 25350 Lynwood Farm Ct. Clarksburg, MD 20871
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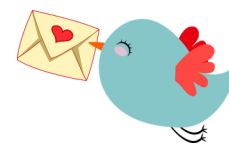


## Members to Keep in Prayer (Cards and Calls Welcome!)

**Anna Faye Jenkins**  
Golden Crest Asst. Living  
4110 St. Paul Rd.  
Hampstead, MD 21074

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

**Betty Horner**  
Golden Crest Asst. Living  
4110 St. Paul Rd.  
Hampstead, MD 21074



**Patsy "Tootie" Harris**  
500 S. Houcksville Rd.  
Hampstead, MD 21074

**Charlie & Norma Beam**  
1304 Wesley Rd.  
Finksburg, MD 21048

**Kathe Lippy**  
421 Lee's Mill Rd.  
Hampstead, MD 21074

**Zelda Wilhelm**  
4826 Alesia Rd.  
Manchester, MD 21107



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

## Celebration of December Baptisms

The Wesley congregation welcomed two more little ones as candidates and recipients of baptism on December 8th:



### Ryan Daniel Baumiller

Son of Lindsay and Daniel Baumiller, Grandson of Peggy and Wayne Horner,  
Great-Grandson of Betty Horner  
Sponsors: Melissa and Daniel Allen

### Colton Daniel Horner

Son of Lauren and Aaron Horner, Grandson of Peggy and Wayne Horner,  
Great-Grandson of Betty Horner  
Sponsors: Greg and Courtney Horner

Welcome to the family, Ryan and Colton!



"BELIEVE"

Dear Wesley Church,

"Anything is possible with the magic of Christmas in your heart!"

Thank you for the Holiday Concert. It was a magnificent night of music.

All who attended certainly felt "Joy to the World..." in their hearts.

*With appreciation, Dana*

"God Bless You at Christmas"

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

"At this Holy season and through the year, May God Quiet you with His Peace, Comfort you with His Presence, And Bless you with His Love."

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

*With our Love! Margret & Wes Senseney*

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



**January 5:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

**January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord):** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**January 12 (Baptism of the Lord):** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**January 19:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**January 26:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

## The Frank & Loretta Harris Music Scholarship — 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Wesley Church,

It's that time of year to begin the selection process for applicants for the **FRANK AND LORETTA HARRIS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP** program. Once again, I am pleased to offer music scholarships to anyone who is pursuing the study of music, in memory of my late parents, Frank and Loretta Harris. Our family has been a part of the Wesley family for generations, and the music has always been an important part of our worship together.

Each scholarship amounts to **\$500**, for as many applicants who are interested and have the appropriate qualifications. The purpose is to support and encourage students of any age who have already begun music study. The scholarship stipend should be applied to the costs of lessons, music, organ shoes, or any other needs that a practicing musical student would have. My first preference is, of course, the piano or the organ. But, other instruments, including composition and voice, are also a part of the Harris Scholarship's goals.

Right now, there are scholarships available for the next calendar year (**2020**). Please refer to the Application Information below and let me know of your interest. I am always available for questions. You may speak to **Mrs. Joan Portfield** for assistance about it, as well.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Harris (60-year member of Wesley Church)  
Professor of Music, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH  
Director of Music/Organist, First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please send an application email to: [Lharris994@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lharris994@sbcglobal.net) or text/call 330-360-9948.

Include a brief introduction containing your **age, instrument, studies, plans, needs, and current participation in the musical life of Wesley Church**. You may provide any other questions or comments as well. **Please submit your application(s) by January 15, 2020**. Many thanks for your support in helping to make this possible for us all.

## 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 at 7:30 PM**, when the Carroll County Health Department will be providing a message on the Opioid Crisis and Narcan training. You are also invited to the group's meal beforehand. Please RSVP for the meal before the training and/or the training itself by contacting the UMM President, Randy Kurtz, at (410) 374-0441 or at [Magic\\_sails@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.





## Pancake Breakfasts: Comin' Right Up!

The United Methodist Men have selected to contribute to support the Carroll County Veterans Independence Project. To help fund this contribution, they are offering Pancake Breakfasts asking only for free will donations. The next breakfast is:



**January 19, 2020**

Serving will be from 9 to 11 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come for comradery, enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, and help provide support for the Veterans Independent Project. Thanks!

*P.S. — Mark your calendars for additional pancake breakfasts on February 16 and March 15.*

## Baked Potato Luncheon: January 26, 2020



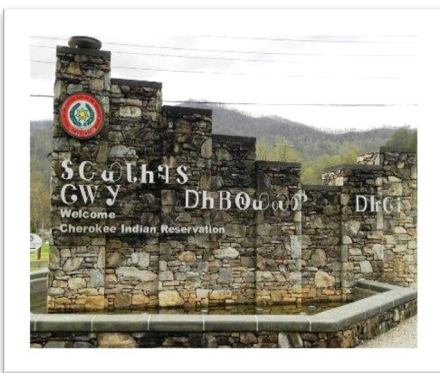
Outreach's tasty baked potato luncheon will be on Sunday, January 26. **Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship while supporting mission activity.** If you are unable to stay, carryout is available.

**Cost: \$8 per person**

**The meal includes:** Baked Potato and "Fixin's" (cheese, butter, sour cream chili, bacon bits, chives), Salad, Dessert, and Drinks.

See you there!

## Are you interested in serving in Cherokee?



Hopefully, you heard about the wonderful experiences that the Wesley team had serving seniors and needy families in Cherokee, NC, last summer. We are planning to go back and continue to form relationships and serve there in July, 2020! The dates for this trip will be July 6-12, 2020. Anyone can come serve: youth, adults, families, grandparents, singles, anyone with a heart to serve! We will serve along with Mission to the World again, which provides the camp, coordination of projects, resources and supplies, as well as spiritual focus and teaching. If you think this trip may be for you, please pray

about it and contact Lana Montgomery ([lanamontgo@gmail.com](mailto:lanamontgo@gmail.com)) for more info. There will be an informal informational meeting in between the services on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



## News of the Halleys...



Hello, Wesley Family,

By now, you may have heard about the sudden and unexpected health challenge our Sexton, John Halley, and his family is facing. In times like these, it is hard to know how to help, but there is good news! A CaringBridge site has been set up for John. It includes journal entries for what is going on with John's fight against pancreatic cancer. There are also links for ways to help, including a SignUp Genius for things the family needs, ways to help, and a GoFundMe page to help with the family's needs and anticipated medical expenses. Please take a few minutes to check it out: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnhalley>

As always, please keep John, Stephanie, Zeke, Nate, and all of John's family in your prayers. Our prayers matter!

**"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective!" — James 5:16**

## After-Church Lunch Bunch



The After-Church Lunch Bunch (ACLB) is an informal gathering of folks who go out to lunch after the 11 AM service once a month.

This month, the ACLB will be meeting for lunch (or brunch) on:

**January 19th, 2020**  
at **Ricky's Bistro** in Hampstead  
right after the 11 AM service.

All are welcome to join us!

## Human Relations Day: January 19, 2020

Lord, open our eyes so we can see our abundance of resources, and to share with those in need.

Luke 3:11



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church

[www.umciving.org/HRD](http://www.umciving.org/HRD)

Please help us celebrate and give to Human Relations Day on January 19, 2020.

Human Relations Day is our day to **celebrate everyone's potential** to do great things. It's our day to **empower those living on the margins of society**.

It's our day to **invest in at-risk youth**.

It's our day to **make a difference together**.

The UMC is excited about its first special Sunday in 2020. Please help them by **celebrating and giving generously** on January 19, 2020!

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

- ↪ 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.*

## GriefShare Session Starting February 18, 2020

Our next 13-week sessions will begin **February 18, 2020**, and run through **May 12, 2020**.

### How GriefShare Works...

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: a video seminar with experts, support group discussion with focus, and personal study and reflection.



### When to Join a GriefShare Group

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen.

The Wesley UMC GriefShare group will continue to have our monthly Breakfasts and/or Dinners. For January, the meeting will be on:

Date: January 14th (Tuesday)  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Place: Greenmount Station, Hampstead

I hope you can all make this date.

*Love & blessings in the New Year, Reenie Harris & Bonnie Catron*





## In Case of Inclement Weather...

**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 Contemporary Worship 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!

## Save the Date

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

'Tis the Season for Pancakes! Yum!

Please mark your calendars for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, which will be held on **February 25th from 5 to 7 PM.**

Youth and Parent Volunteers will host the supper and are planning to serve Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Juice, and Coffee.

Free-will offerings will go to support the Youth.

Hope to see you there!

### The Spring Church Supper...

...is in the works!

Please mark your calendars for **March 21st.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Pam Phillips at 410-596-0777 or [oceancity1958@comcast.net](mailto:oceancity1958@comcast.net) or Laura Waltrup at 410-961-8425 or [waltrups@gmail.com](mailto:waltrups@gmail.com).



## Library Notes



"Nothing more deeply intimate can be conceived than the genuine prayer of an individual soul."

----From *The Book of Prayers*

Some suggestions for your prayer journey (**information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved**):

*The Miracle of Prayer: True Stories for Guideposts about the Power of Prayer* by Guideposts (245). These true stories deal with such issues as: how to deepen your prayer life, how to handle a hard day, how to do what you really want to do, healing the hurt in your heart, and when your prayers seem unanswered.

*Prayer Works: A Lifetime Spiritual Journey* by Rick Hamlin (232). "Do you know God?" It was a simple but life-changing question. As Rick Hamlin stumbled over an answer, the minister who had asked the question continued, "You can't know God unless you spend time with Him." That encounter set Rick on a journey to know God through prayer. The Prayer practice he developed not only became the foundation of his life, but also led others to look to Rick for guidance on how to pray. For years, Rick prayed through the joys and trials of his own life, and for the needs and desires of others.

*The Power of Simple Prayer: How to Talk with God about Everything* by Joyce Meyer (245). We often approach prayer as merely a means to an end – how can God meet our needs, how can He ease our burdens? But have you ever really considered what prayer is and why you pray? Do you understand just how your life is impacted by your prayers? Meyer unravels the mystery of talking with God by explaining and exploring the different types of prayer. Additionally, she guides you through the building blocks for a richer, more interactive prayer relationship with God by explaining the keys to understanding unanswered prayer, identifying the various hindrances to effective prayer, knowing how to use the Bible in prayer, and how prayer can help you stay strong in life.

*How Is It With Your Soul?* By Priscilla and Jack Levison (232.1). This resource brings into balance the inner and outer dimensions of the Christian Life. Organized around four verbs – pray, learn, mentor, and transform – the book will challenge you to become a more vibrant disciple of Christ. The first two verbs – pray and learn – communicate the power of inspiration, receiving, inbreathing. You will explore how to pray and learn in ways that restore, revive, and revitalize who you are. The last two verbs – mentor and transform – communicate the power of action, giving, reaching out. These will help you mentor others and become agents of transformation in ways that restore, revive, and revitalize our churches and our world.

*Lord, I Want to Be Whole: The Power of Prayer and Scripture in Emotional Healing* by Stormie Omartian (232). Many Christians, in spite of their relationship with the Lord, find themselves dealing with over-whelming anger, guilt, depression – or perhaps the nagging feeling that something inside them just is not right. Omartian outlines even Biblical steps to wholeness, based on the power of prayer and scripture to change your life: release the past; live in obedience to God; recognize and resist your real enemy; don't settle for less than total restoration; receive the gifts God has given you; reject common pitfalls; and stand strong when difficulties come.

*The Book of Prayers* by Leon McCauley (245) This book is a gathering together of helpful and personal material from the great treasuries of Protestant prayers, arranged in chapters and subdivisions so that the prayers may be readily accessible in the dark moments of personal distress. It is a book for Christians groping toward a more satisfying personal communion with their God.

*Praying God's Word* by Beth Moore (232) This book is written as a Scripture-prayer resource and companion to Beth Moore's Breaking Free seminar and book. Featuring fourteen chapters directed toward specific strongholds, it includes brief commentary on that particular stronghold, testimonies, Scripture prayers, and pages for ideas for your own journaling.

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. Also, 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**

## Wesley UMC Leadership • 2020

<sup>20</sup> "Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

<sup>21</sup> I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble." Proverbs 4:10-12

Thank you to all who have given their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to Wesley UMC. Below are our 2020 leaders. Please welcome both new and returning and support them as best you can in the coming months. May God bless us as we work to be in His will!

### Administrative Council

**Chair:** Pam Phillips

**Recording Secretary:** Jess Sichel

**Treasurer:** Laura Waltrup

**Lay Leader:** *Need*

**Pastor:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

**Worship Chairs:** Stephanie Halley & Lisa Kemp

**UMW President:** Brenda Hess

**Trustees Chair:** *TBD in January 2020*

**Historian:** Matt Sichel

**Visitation Committee Chair:** Reenie Harris

**Lay Leadership (Nomin.) Chair:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis

**Adult Ministry Coord:** *Need*

**Servant Leader of Children & Family Services:** *TBD*

**At-Large:** Bonnie Catron, Cynthia Davey, Dieter Halle, John Sies, Gary Wilmer, Brenda Kennedy, Janet Martin

**Vice-Chair:** *None*

**Membership Secretary:** Sandy Cole

**Finance Chair:** *Need*

**Financial Secretary:** Jonathan Yost

**Memorials Comm. Chair:** Cheryl DeVilbiss & Linda Hollman

**Outreach Ministry Chair:** Davona Palmer

**UMM President:** Randy Kurtz

**Cemetery Committee Chair:** Dennis Rill

**Communications Committee Chair:** *Need*

**SPRC Chair:** Linda Yost

**UMYF Representative:** Madison Smith

**Lay Member to Annual Conf.:** Matt Sichel

**Executive Committee:** Pam Phillips, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Stephanie Halley, Linda Yost, Laura Waltrup, Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel

**Board of Trustees:** **Chair, Vice-Chair:** *TBD in January 2020* **Secretary:** Cynthia Davey

**Class of 2020:** Clay Myatt, Rick Waltrup, Cynthia Davey

**Class of 2021:** Gary Wilmer, Mike Sichel, Linda Yost

**Class of 2022:** Gordon Benson, Phillip Daugherty, Pam Phillips

**Non-Voting Member:** John Halley (Sexton); **Lay Member to Annual Conf.** (Matt Sichel)

**Building Committee** (Rolls up to Trustees): **Chair:** Denny Rill **Secretary:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

**Members:** Mike Sichel, Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill, Pam Phillips, Dennis Rill, Matt Sichel, Laura Waltrup

**Information Technology (IT) Team** (Rolls up to Trustees): **Chair:** Laura Waltrup

**Members:** Sandy Cole, Jason Montgomery, Bryce Davey, John Halley, Jason Martin, Chet Phillips, John Sies, Randy Kurtz; **Trustees Representative:** Cynthia Davey

**Endowment Fund Committee** (Rolls up to Trustees): **Chair:** Laura Waltrup **Secretary:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

**Treasurer:** Andy Smith **Trustees Liaison:** Rick Waltrup **Finance Liaison:** Jonathan Yost

**Members include:** Dolores Bennett, Jeff Horner, Cindy Myatt

**Finance Committee:** **Chair:** *Need*

**Financial Secretary:** Jonathan Yost **Treasurer:** Laura Waltrup

**Committee Members:** John Sies, Jason Martin, Dave Hudgins, Denny Rill

**Ex-officio:** Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Matt Sichel), SPRC Representative (*TBD*), Trustees Chair (*TBD*)

**Capital Fundraising Committee** (Rolls up to Finance): **Chair:** Cherie Hughes & Linda Yost

**Members include:** Finance Representative (*TBD*), Trustees Representative (Pam Phillips), Kathy Miller, Norma Beam, Dian Rowe Sandy Cole

## Wesley UMC Leadership (*Continued*) • 2020

**Outreach Ministries:** Chair: Davona Palmer

**Members:** Cindy Myatt, Betty Barr, Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Jason Montgomery, Clay Myatt, Jackie Otwell, Matt Otwell, Pam Phillips, Dian Rowe, Betsy Sennett, Jess Sichel, Sallie Taylor, Connie Wiegel, Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Chair: Linda Yost

**Class of 2020:** Jennifer Ejek, Linda Hollman, Randy Kurtz

**Class of 2021:** Roxane Brewer, Dieter Halle, Reenie Harris

**Class of 2022:** Linda Yost, Roger Daugherty, *Need*

**Ex-officio:** Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Matt Sichel) and Lay Leader (*Need*)

**Education Committee:** **Servant Leader of Children & Family Ministries:** *TBD*

**Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Patty Harris

**Teachers/Assistants:** Brenda Benson, Bonnie Catron, Jen Ejek, Rose Hohmes, Lisa Kemp, Nan Lishman, Janet Martin, Jason Montgomery, Davona Palmer, Laura Waltrup, Linda Yost

**Committee on Lay Leadership:** Chair: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

**Class of 2020:** Jeff Zachman, Linda Hollman, Cherie Hughes

**Class of 2021:** Gladys Smith, Pat Daugherty, Jessica Sichel

**Class of 2022:** Jennifer Ejek, Stephanie Halley, Jan Kurtz

**Worship Committee:** Chairs: Stephanie Halley and Lisa Kemp

**Communion Steward:** Linda Hollman

**Chancel Choir Director:** Jan Graf

**Contemporary Worship Director:** *TBD*

**Organists / Pianists:** Jeff Horner, Joan Porterfield, Cynthia Davey, Lana Montgomery

**At Large:** Linda Yost, Dian Rowe, Pam Phillips, Peggy Horner, Janet Martin

**Children's Choir:** Cynthia Davey

**Usher / Greeter Coordinator:** *Need*

**Altar Guild:** Gladys Smith

**Memorial Committee:** Chair: Cheryl DeVilbiss and Linda Hollman

**Committee Members:** Brenda Benson, Gordon Benson, Lee Ann Crochunis

**At Large:** *Finance Chairperson (Need)*

**Cemetery Committee:** Chair: Dennis Rill Treasurer: Laura Waltrup

**Members:** Joan Porterfield, Jan Graf, Wayne Horner, Chet Phillips, Carl Rill, James Watkins, John Sies

**Small Groups:** Coordinator: Jason Montgomery

**Members:** Laura Waltrup, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Jess Sichel

**Communications:** Chair: *Need*

**Members:** *Need*, Matt Sichel & Rose Sichel (Church Sign); **Church Administrator:** Jess Sichel

**Visitation Committee:** Chair: Reenie Harris

**Members:** Betty Barr, Sandy Cole, Jocelyn Davey, Jacki Grabowski, Betsy Sennett, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Linda Yost, Barbara Sater

**Membership Committee:** Chair: Sandy Cole

**Members:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Denny Rill, Jessica Sichel, Laura Waltrup

**Church Librarians:** Nan Lishman, Bonnie Catron

**Certified Lay Speakers:** Linda Yost, Matthew Sichel

**Coordinator of Adult Ministries:** *Need*

**Primary Liaison, Maryland Faith Health Network (MFHN):** Sandy Cole

**Administrative Council Minutes • November 20, 2019**

**Attendees:** John Martin, Stephanie Halley, Matt and Jess Sichel, Vicky Wilmer, Laura Waltrup, Denny Rill, Pam Phillips, Kim Peake, John Sies, Michael Eastwood, Brenda Kennedy, Linda Hollman, Nan Lishman. *[Additional attendees may have been present; this is a limited list as an official attendance was not taken due to an oversight.]*

**Pam opened** with devotions, as Brenda Hess could not make it to the meeting. Pam used an Upper Room devotion based on Isaiah 43. Also, the question, “what would Jesus say if He walked into our Church today,” was asked.

**Motion** to approve September minutes passed unanimously.

**Finance Report:** Laura Waltrup emailed information ahead of time.

- [As of November,] monthly giving has improved, but not drastically. We expect an end of the year increase, but that will not catch us up enough.
- No September, October, or November apportionments have been paid; we are one month behind on pension. All other bills have been paid, which is a slight improvement.
- Budget Discussion: The seminary line increased to \$11,000; the Outreach budget is \$2,500; Maintenance & Repair budget was lowered, but there is concern that these expenses are unplanned; the budget passed unanimously with noted adjustments.

**Discussion of “Let’s Talk” Gatherings:**

- Laura was thanked for all of her hard work. The whole committee was very wonderful.
- Nan Lishman thought the sessions went very well and that people were pleased to be informed.
- Kim said the Parsonage was a very good venue. Confrontation was very minimal. More feedback is still needed; we may yet do more.
- The general consensus is that no matter what, most people will not leave, but there is still a lot unknown.
- The discussion proceeded to what might happen in May vis-à-vis Conference. There is a very big concern that hard left and hard right are needed to keep a balance. Pam thinks at this point, the church may tilt progressive, but it’s very difficult to know. The voting system will be very organized and set.

**Trustees: John Martin** — We are ending another busy year.

- Everything in the ladies’ education wing bathroom is new except the dividers.
- The light is out in the parking lot.
- The exterior lights outside of the sanctuary will both be replaced to create a matching look.
- There is a new roof on the parsonage; the new “hat” looks great. There is some moisture on the lower decking, but none needed to be replaced (per Owen Rill). It is now possible to inhabit, sell, or continue to use the parsonage with the new roof.
- New tables have been delivered for the sanctuary (thank you, Cynthia Davey!) **The recommendation is to hold on to the old tables so that folks may borrow them and the chairs, but not to allow the borrowing of the new tables.**
- The Choir Room: Two leaks are needing to be fixed; looking to possibly put it on the WIP program? Maybe through the Ad. Council. Rick Waltrup recently met with someone to receive a proposal to fix the choir room exterior leaks (which have been there in the past, but recently became more of a problem).
- The water cooler: John Martin has been taking care of the water for the cooler; we need a plan for the provision of water and cups moving forward (perhaps the Sexton?)
- Culligan needs to come in for the osmosis system.
- Ehrlich knows that the bees are still an issue; painting redone in sanctuary.
- Gary Wilmer (with assistance) seems to have fixed the ice maker.
- Thanks were extended to John Martin.

**Outreach**

- Busy time of year.
- NESAP food—hopefully a little more will come in (the pantry is extremely low); delivery persons have been found.

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- Sponsoring four families with Christmas tags.
- Cookie Walk—on the day of the Cantata; people needed to make and buy cookies.
- Greenmount Station fundraiser brought in \$175.00.
- The Soup Sale went phenomenally; brought in around \$1,000.
- Davona Palmer is coming in as the Outreach chairperson.
- Vicky raised the point that, looking at the budget, we spend minimally on programs and outreach; most of the money is spent on other things. What would Jesus say to that? We should look at the salaries as “needs” or “wants.” We have fundraised for Sunday School and VBS; this is not what Wesley is about.
- Laura stated that there is a big difference in giving this year. People have been giving to WIP vs. the General Fund, and some of our contributors have passed away, retired, (etc.)
- It was suggested that perhaps we take a breather from WIP to help the budget and focus on the General Fund.
- Vicky stated that this needs to be a conversation for Ad. Council.
- Stephanie Halley stated that she had a church worker friend from a church with a larger budget that has a \$300,000 gap in funding. All churches across the board are experiencing similar issues, not just our church. She also pointed out that some of the salary expense (i.e. Youth) was considered a program expense.
- Denny pointed out that in the beginning, WIP was to be above and beyond.
- Vicky noted that people should be deciding where their money should go with prayer.

**Christian Education:** Answering a call from the Lord, Stephanie accepted a position as the Executive Director of Westminster Rescue Mission as of 1/1/2020. She will be letting go of her position here at Wesley. She was not looking for the new position; it came to her. She is NOT leaving the church; she will still be working with the church as a church member. This is an incredible opportunity that may be connected to Wesley Outreach. It is a 24/7 operation. Hopefully, this will be a mission field down the road. Stephanie has been serving Wesley for about 5.5 years.

**Pastor:** Rev. Amy asked Pam to thank all of the committee members, particularly those rolling off as chairpersons.

**UMM:** The UMM will host a 45 to 60 minute Narcan training through the Health department on January 13. The training will start at 7:30 PM; folks are also invited to dinner at 6 PM. The UMM request that interested persons RSVP to Jan Kurtz by January 9, 2020.

**UMW:** Brenda has sent out minutes. **Visitation:** minutes were taken; thank you to the Visitation Committee.

**Report:** Matt Sichel, Seminary Student & Candidate for Ordained Ministry

- Matt seems to be headed for sitting for the Deacon exams in January/February. If he passes, he should be commissioned at Annual Conference in May. If he is commissioned, he would have an appointment to a doctoral program with a secondary appointment at Wesley. He would be considered conference clergy.
- He is working on applying to a doctoral program; he seems to be headed towards a program through Asbury Seminary from the London School of Theology. This would be about 3 to 4 years part-time, research-based, and more of a “correspondence” style.

**Budget:** In light of Stephanie’s resignation, it was suggested that a placeholder be kept in the budget, but the title be taken out. Instead, put in “Staff Placeholder.” Steph had two separate jobs put together. Matt pointed out that Ad. Council has to make a decision to ask SPRC to do something. Pam said that between now and January, the job description for Steph’s position needs to be distributed for evaluation and consideration. Discussion continued. Stephanie’s job description did change when her title changed. What are Wesley’s needs? There will need to be a handoff to someone/some to continue things. What about a stipend for a temporary Youth person? Stephanie said that she has drafted two intern descriptions for persons who might be able to fill some of the shoes and develop leadership skills. Kim suggested that Steph make recommendations for more immediate needs to know where we will need to head over the next several months. Matt pointed out that people with dynamic age level and family ministries have a coordinator.


The meeting was **closed in prayer** at 8:34 PM. John Sies added on, saying not to forget our history.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Matt and Jess Sichel*



# JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regular Worship Schedule:</b> 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>			Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM <b>Praise Team 6 PM</b> Chancel Choir 7 PM	Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM
5	6	7 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM	8 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM <b>Outreach 6 PM</b> <b>Praise Team 6 PM</b> Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	9 Chancel Choir 7 PM	10 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	11 <b>Administrative Council Planning Retreat 8:30 AM to 2 PM</b>
12	13 UMM Inviting All to Dinner at 6 PM and/or NARCAN Training at 7:30 PM (Please RSVP to all with Randy Kurtz)	14 GriefShare Dinner at Greenmount Station 4:30 PM	15 <i>Journal Submissions Due!</i> Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM <b>Praise Team 6 PM</b> <b>SPRC 7 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	16 Chancel Choir 7 PM	17 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	18 <i>Administrative Council Planning Retreat Snowdate</i>
19 <b>Pancake Breakfast!</b> 8:45 AM to 11 AM ACLB after 11 AM Service at Ricky's Bistro in Hampstead Youth/Parent Mtg. & Spaghetti Dinner 5 PM	20	21 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM <b>Christian Education Meeting 7 PM</b>	22 <i>Spring Supper Planning</i> 10 AM Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM <b>Praise Team 6 PM</b> <b>Finance 7 PM</b>	23 Chancel Choir 7 PM	24 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	25
26 Baked Potato Luncheon to Support Outreach UMW After Lunch <i>Fellowship Hall Rsvp'd (Palmer)</i>	27 Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM	28 Rev. Amy Away	29 <b>Praise Team 6 PM</b> <b>Ad Council (Tentative) 7 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	30 <b>Book Club at MJ's Café &amp; Baking Co., Manchester, 12:30 PM</b> Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM	31 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	

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!

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*January Worship Participants*

	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Junior Church</u>	
Jan. 5	8:45AM 11 AM	<i>Need</i> <i>Need</i>	Michael Sichel	Cole Graf	Linda Yost
Jan. 12	8:45 AM 11 AM	<i>Need</i> Nan Lishman, Kim Peake	Michael Eastwood	Rose Sichel	Jan Kurtz
Jan. 19	8:45 AM 11 AM	<i>Need</i> <i>Need</i>	Matt Sichel	Cheyenne Graf	Brenda Benson
Jan. 26	8:45 AM 11 AM	<i>Need</i> Gladys Smith and Denny Rill	Jess Sichel	Isaac Sichel	Rose Hohmes

\* If you would like to sign-up for these opportunities for service, please contact Jess in the church office via email at [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org) or by phone at (410) 374-4027. Thanks!

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