



*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... March 15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

I am missing my church family this Sunday morning! It isn't the norm for Denny and me to be at home, sitting at our computer keyboards on a Sunday morning. I miss preaching. I miss bible study. I miss people bustling busily in the Wesley hallways. I miss contemporary music and the old hymns. I miss the conversations taking place in the pews before and after worship. I miss YOU!

**C**ontinue to trust in the God who is always with us. Continue to be a church family. We will get through this together.

I am inspired by you, too. I am inspired by those who have asked me how they can help the elderly and those living alone. I am inspired by the music and

worship opportunities that have made their way online, without my having to ask for them. I am inspired by the "can-do spirit" that persists in the midst of a global pandemic. You haven't succumbed to fear. You are strong in your knowledge of the Lord. I am inspired by YOU!

Please continue doing exactly what you're doing as we navigate this unprecedented event in our lives. Continue reading your bibles, and sending helpful scriptural quotes out to everyone. (Social media was made for such a time as this!) Continue to check on your elderly neighbors and our homebound members. We might not be able to show up in person, but there are telephones and e-mail when we are moved to connect with others. Continue to volunteer providing groceries to those in need, and lunches to school children who otherwise would have no access to food during school closures. Continue to pray for our healthcare workers, those working on the front lines to combat this virus, those in positions of authority in our state and nation and, of course, and those who aren't feeling well. Continue to trust in the God who is always with us. Continue to be a church family. We will get through this together.

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## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





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- 27 Steven & Hanne Novotny

**Our Condolences...**

We extend our condolences to the Beam family on the sudden passing of Charles R. (Bobby) Beam, Jr., son of Norma and Charlie Beam, Sr., and husband of Marie Beam on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. May God hold you close as you mourn Bobby's passing and celebrate his life.

**Congratulations!**

Charles Asher Zilberman, son of Eric & Laura (Hollman) Zilberman was born on February 2, 2020, in the middle of Super Bowl. He weighed 8lbs, and joins Evie and George as precious grandchildren of Linda & Chuck Hollman. Welcome to the world, baby Charles!

**Change of Information**

**Don Evans**  
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**The Zilberman Family**  
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Leonardtwn, MD 20650

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**Family and Friends to Keep in Prayer (Cards and Calls Welcome!)**

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Westminster, MD 21158

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Hampstead, MD 21074

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Finksburg, MD 21048

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Hampstead, MD 21074

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Manchester, MD 21107



**Stewart Graf** Longview Nursing Home, 3332 Main St, Manchester, MD 21102



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

## Pastor's Message *(Continued from Page 1)*

Had we gathered together at Wesley UMC this morning, I would have preached on Exodus 17:1-7. In this passage, the Israelites are in the wilderness of Sin. As they look around, they are troubled by lack of water, even though God has already delivered them from bondage in Egypt, given them manna and quail to eat, and given them signs of His presence prior to and during that wilderness time. They are mistrustful of Moses' leadership. They quarrel against Moses and test God by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" Moses asks God what to do with this quarrelsome people who are ready to stone him, and God tells Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Moses does so, and water comes pouring out of the rock. Once again, the people of Israel bear witness to the power of a God who provides for their basic needs, even as they drink their fill of Living Water.

One of my favorite hymns that attests to God's presence and provision, even in troubling times, is this one, written by William Williams. It was written in 1745, but its words are timeless and soothing. I offer them to you as a meditational tool for you, even as we miss being physically present in worship:

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah. Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more;  
Feed me 'til I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

May you feel the guided by our Great Jehovah during this wilderness time, and may the God who walks with us and provides for us be your Strength and Shield.

*Love, Rev. Amy*



Dear Wesley Members,

I received a comforting package today from Cancer Care Angles, what a surprise. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, well wishes, and care package, as I start this journey. I haven't completely come to the realization that I have cancer but, I know that God is watching over me and has a plan.

*Thank you again, Debbie Schubert*

Dear Wesley UMC Family:

I want to thank you all so much for the generous Christmas gift. I wanted to let you know that I am using a generous portion of it to help my mother celebrate her 80th birthday. Mum has never been on a cruise, so my sister, Ivy, and I are taking her on a Royal Caribbean cruise out of Baltimore after Easter. This would not be possible without your kindness. I am so grateful!

*Love, Rev. Amy*

## “Thank You’s” (Continued from Page 3)

The Rill family would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, and visit for Wayne Rill after his hip incident and surgery. He still has a long way to go for recovery; prayers would be welcome.

Thanks to Gladys Smith! Our altar is always accurately arranged and beautifully decorated for worship. She arrives early, or stays late after services, to attend to them.

We appreciate your efforts, Gladys!

A sincere “thank you” to Joan Porterfield for her many years of service at Wesley United Methodist Church in a variety of capacities. Joan was an organist here for more than 60 years, has led the cemetery committee and worked with memorials, and was the church historian, not to mention any of the other roles she may have filled. The close-precision attention to detail that Joan has brought to the positions in which she serves was and is very helpful. She has kept track of burial records, assisted with the process of Harris Scholarship applications, and added to the recording of Wesley UMC’s history in a timely and attentive way—things that set her apart as a volunteer. As a musician, she brought thought and care to her playing. On the occasion of her retirement as an organist at Wesley, observed the last Sunday in February, 2020, we thank Joan for her dedication and the sharing of her gifts. Don’t be a stranger!

## 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) pending any changes due to COVID-19 protection/prevention.**

- ↪ The March selection is ***Ordinary Grace*** by William Kent Kreuger. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 26 .
- ↪ The April selection is ***When God Works the Night Shift*** by Ron Mehl. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 30.
- ↪ The May selection is ***Beartown*** by Fredrik Backman. The meeting will be on Thursday, May 28.
- ↪ The June selection is ***One Tuesday Morning*** by Karen Kingsbury. The meeting will be on Thursday, June 25.

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

## "Sabbath" Giving

Dear Wesley Church Family & Friends,

### God is Good and God is Greater than all of THIS!

While we are not able to be together in fellowship and worship by gathering in our church, we can all be in prayer for each other, our families, medical professionals, emergency response workers, and government agencies. We will seek ways to remain connected, whether that be via email, Facebook, phone calls or written notes. Your church leaders will be communicating often, looking for ways to lift up and support Wesley church and our community's needs. We are also committed to keeping things going to the extent possible by taking care of church office needs, picking up the mail, checking phone messages, and providing services as we can.

To that end, if you are willing and able to contribute financially to support Wesley UMC during this unexpected time of Sabbath resulting from COVID-19, there are multiple ways you can do so:

**1) Electronic Giving through Vanco:**

- Go to our Wesley UMC Website ( [www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org](http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org) ) and at the bottom of the Home Page, click on the TEAL Button that will take you to the Vanco Donation Page for Wesley UMC. If you are new to Vanco, you will need to create a profile. If you have any questions, please call Laura Waltrup at 410-961-8425.
- Over the phone donations: Vanco Client Services will also take donations over the phone by calling 800-675-7430

Donate to:  
The Operating Budget,  
Wesley Improvement  
Projects (WIP), UMCOR,  
The Seminary Education Fund,  
The Youth Program, and  
Mission Work

**2) Mail your Offering to Wesley UMC:** Wesley United Methodist Church, 3239 Carrollton Road, Hampstead, MD 21074

**Please know that each and every one of you is loved and missed by so many.** If you have a need during this time of isolation, please reach out to any of the following people serving on the Wesley UMC Executive Committee:

Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill - 443-604-5245 CELL

Pamela Phillips, Administrative Council Chair - 410-596-0777 CELL

Linda Yost - Trustees & SPRC Chair - 443-605-8295 CELL

Jessica Sichel - Church Secretary - 443-850-4274 CELL

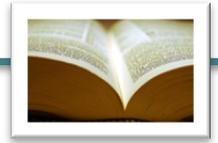
Laura Waltrup - Treasurer - 410-961-8425 CELL

Matt Sichel - Lay Member to Annual Conference - 443-278-3440 CELL

***We take these measures, not out of fear, but out of prudence and in an effort to love our neighbors as ourselves. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)***

***Grace and Peace to you all,  
Laura Waltrup, Treasurer***

## Mid-March/April Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



**March 22:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**March 29:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**April 5 (Palm/Passion Sunday):** Palms—Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion—Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (27:11-54)

**April 9 (Maundy Thurs.):** Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 10 (Good Friday):** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

**April 12 (Easter):** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10

**April 19:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 26 (Native American Awareness):** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

## Senior Call Check: MD Department of Aging

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Department of Aging

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### How the Program Works:

- This **free service** will place an automated daily call to you at a regularly scheduled time.
- If the call is not picked up after **three attempts**, the service will call an **alternate person** on your behalf to check on you.

### Do I qualify?

All you need to qualify for this free service is:

1. Be a Maryland resident aged **sixty-five plus**.
2. Have an **active** landline phone or cell phone

### How to Sign Up:

To sign up **online**, go to: **aging.maryland.gov**

To sign up **over the phone**, call: **1 (866) 502-0560**

### Questions:

Call **1 (866) 502-0650** Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM (excluding holidays)

Or: **aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check.aspx**

## Library Notes



As we travel through Lent in order to prepare for the season of Easter, not only do we need to connect to our Heavenly Father and Jesus in prayer, contemplation, and repentance; we also need to truly examine our relationship with God! After all, He loved us enough to send His only Son to save us from ourselves. He wants us to truly KNOW Him in all of His love, glory, mercy, and grace. If God had a refrigerator, YOUR picture would be on it!! While you search your soul for your knowledge and belief, you can shore up your faith in our Mighty Father by reading some of these texts we have discovered in our library.

***Please note that we have a collection of donated inspirational pamphlets on the shelf next to the violets: Strength and Grace, Our Daily Bread, and Mornings With Jesus. You may take them to keep and read at your leisure!***

**Information in parentheses indicates where library items are shelved. \*\*\* some books may be in your home, getting cozy.... could you check to see if they need to be returned?? Thanks so much! \*\*\***

*A Search for What Is Real: Finding Faith* by Brian D. McLaren (232). There have been times when you have felt that if there is not a God, there ought to be. McLaren helps you sort through the questions, objections, and concerns that arise when you consider God not as some theological abstraction, but as someone you can actually connect with...and want to connect with, perhaps more than you know.

*A Place of Quiet Rest* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss (240) The God of the universe created us for fellowship with Himself! We realize this and even long for that sweet intimacy with God, but it often seems so out of reach. Nancy Leigh DeMoss demystifies the process of coming to know God intimately. In *A Place of Quiet Rest*, she shares from her heart and life how a daily devotional time can forever change your relationship with Jesus. She addresses the common frustrations and pitfalls most of us encounter in our devotional life and makes practical suggestions for overcoming them.

*The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel (230). Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, cross-examines a dozen experts who are recognized authorities in their fields of history, archaeology, and manuscript studies. Strobel's tough, point-blank questions make this bestselling book read like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure.

*Coming Home* by Joseph M. Stowell (232) Do you feel alone in the universe? Is God a distant figure in your life? Does nothing seem to satisfy your heart's restlessness? As revealed in this timely book, there's a reason for that. God meant us for intimacy with Himself, and when we settle for less, we find only meaninglessness and vanity. All the things of this earth are inadequate to fill the void.

*Reaching For the Invisible God* by Philip Yancey (232) From the preface... "Christians hold out the bright promise of "a personal relationship with God," as if to imply that knowing God works the way a relationship with a human person does. Yet one day a curtain descends, the curtain separating the invisible from the visible. How can I have a personal relationship with a being when I'm never quite sure he's there? Or is there a way I can be sure? I have written the book in a progression from doubt toward faith, which recapitulates my own pilgrimage."

*Tell Them I Love Them* by Joyce Meyer (232) Every bit of God's power is available to you—today! And you aren't just one of the crowd. God loves you as if you were the only person on Earth. The problem is that, like most people, you may not understand it...or if you know it with your head, you may not feel it with your heart. Now you can. Sharing her insights and the revelation that transformed her own life, Joyce Meyer brings you Scripture and other words of wisdom that can open up the window to God's love...and let its light shine on you, personally!

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 be

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## Library Notes (Continued)

side 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*

## Westminster Rescue Mission / Addiction Healing Center



Dear Ministry Partner: We want to keep you up to date on efforts at the Mission to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our clients, staff and the community we serve. In keeping with the guidelines provided by the CDC and recommended by Maryland state and local health departments, the Mission will alter or temporarily suspend operations in the following ways:

**Addiction Healing Center:** Intake for clients seeking treatment is currently suspended March 14th – March 28th; Visitors and volunteers will not be admitted to buildings on the campus. Measures in-line with CDC guidelines and our CARF accreditation continue to be taken to sanitize our campus and maintain safe health conditions.

**Sparrow's Nest Food Pantry:** Food will be boxed and distributed outside of the pantry, by appointment only, from 9am – 12pm Monday through Thursday. Every effort will be made to continue to safely collect and distribute food locally, to the extent possible.

**Mission Store:** The store will be closed March 14th – March 28th. Donations will not be accepted onsite between March 14th – March 28th.

We know that God is bigger than the difficult circumstances we face, and it is in our Lord that we confidently place our trust. We are thankful for your partnership and faithful prayers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 410-848-2222.

*Yours in Christ, Stephanie M. Halley, Executive Director*

## NESAP "Taste of Spring" Event Rescheduled to the Fall 2020

Given the current pandemic, NESAP has decided to postpone its "Taste of Spring" event originally scheduled for the end of March. The event may possibly be rescheduled for September or October. Ticket holders have the option of using their tickets at the later event or returning them to NESAP for a full refund. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Donn Dietrich at NESAP at [nesap.director@gmail.com](mailto:nesap.director@gmail.com).

Donn also adds that in this time of national crisis, if you know of anyone locally that needs help, please have them contact NESAP's Program Office or go on the web to [www.nesapinc.org](http://www.nesapinc.org). NESAP will keep the Program Office and Food Pantry open to serve our neighbors in need. Any changes to that policy will be communicated on NESAP's Facebook page. Hours and contact information for the program staff are available on the web, but PLEASE make an appointment if you need services. **NESAP is here to help.**

Please keep the NESAP ministry in your prayers.

*Donn Dietrich*, Executive Director, North East Social Action Program (NESAP)

1046 S Carroll St., Hampstead MD 21074

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## Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program

This tax season, Marylanders will be able to sign up for health coverage through an innovative new pilot program. Beginning in 2020, you can indicate on your tax return if you would like the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, the state agency that runs Maryland Health Connection, to estimate your eligibility for coverage. This selection launches an easy process that will help you enroll.

### How it works:

On your 2020 Tax Forms 502 and 502B, you must indicate whether you, your spouse, and/or your dependents have health insurance coverage.

If you are uninsured, then select to authorize the Comptroller to share information from your tax return with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) to determine pre-eligibility for free or low-cost health care coverage.

After filing your taxes, MHBE will send you a letter indicating whether you are preliminarily eligible for coverage through Maryland Health Connection (Maryland's health insurance marketplace) and asking you to take further steps to confirm eligibility and enroll.

To complete enrollment, you can visit [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov), call 855.642.8572, or receive free in-person assistance from trained experts throughout the state.

## 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](http://maumlegacy.org). At Wesley, feel free to contact Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



## Outreach Activities Rescheduled



**Wesley Outreach's Rummage Sale has been postponed until the Fall, but please keep cleaning out!**

Donations of clothing, household items, baby/children items, jewelry, books, CDs, VHS tapes, tools, small furniture, etc. will be accepted shortly before the sale, which tentatively may be the weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. If needed, we can provide help with pick-up. Plus, if you need to empty out before drop off dates, we may be able to accommodate you. Any questions? Contact Cindy at 410 596-5391 or [candcm Wyatt@gmail.com](mailto:candcm Wyatt@gmail.com).



**Also postponed is the Outreach Pies/Tarts/Cobblers Sale originally scheduled for April.** We look forward to a future time when baked goods can once again be shared among our Wesley friends and family!

## United Methodist Men's Minutes • February 10, 2020

After prayers by Mike, we had a meal prepared by Stan (Entrée), Mike (Salad), Jim (Dessert), and Dieter (Beverages).

**Devotion:** George provided devotions based on Valentine's Day - "Life is Like a Box of Chocolate, you never know what you get."

**Secretary Report:** Mike reviewed the Pancake Breakfast dates of February 16<sup>th</sup> & March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasure Report:** Jon reported that we now have \$974 excluding tonight. The December PKB made \$257.

### Old Business

- Our January 19th breakfast was cancelled due to weather. Our next scheduled Pancake Breakfast is February 16th.
  - ◇ We have pancake mix and sausage. Dave will pull the sausage out to thaw on Friday.
  - ◇ Girl Scouts have left butter we will use.
  - ◇ We have paper goods.
  - ◇ Randy will get 2 gallons of 2% milk.
  - ◇ John will get blueberries.
  - ◇ Denny and Jim will cook pancakes; Chet will get sausages started. Dave and Randy will help.
  - ◇ Our last Pancake Breakfast will be March 15th.
- UMM is responsible for snack after service for February. We need to have help on February 23rd as well as February 16th. John and Denny will make sure we have support as well as supplies for the March group.

### New Business

- Reisterstown/Pleasant Grove UMM are holding their retreat February 22nd. We are invited to attend.
- Outreach has asked UMM to offer to cook burgers on April 17 & 18.
- Next meeting—March 9<sup>th</sup>. For this meeting, we will coordinate providing our donation to the Carroll County Veteran Independence Project: Entrée – John, Salad – Jon, Dessert- Frank, Beverage – Chet, Devotions – Randy
- Jeff Zachman will provide a golf talk for the April meeting. We need programs for May and June.

## Trustee Assignment and Contact List 2020

Item	Contact Person	Contact number	Email	Resource
Church Insurance	<b>Church Treasurer</b> Laura Waltrup	443-507-0474	<a href="mailto:waltrups@gmail.com">waltrups@gmail.com</a>	<b>BRETHREN MUTUAL</b>
Electric	Pam Phillips	410-596-0777	<a href="mailto:oceancity1958@comcast.net">oceancity1958@comcast.net</a>	<b>Larry Jones</b> 443-340-9386
Fire Extinguisher/ Fire Alarm	Clay Myatt	410-596-7218	<a href="mailto:candcmyatt@gmail.com">candcmyatt@gmail.com</a>	<b>Westminster Fire Extinguisher</b> 410-876-9686
General Supplies (including Water Cooler)	Rick Waltrup	410-294-6418	<a href="mailto:waltrups@gmail.com">waltrups@gmail.com</a>	
HVAC	Mike Sichel	410-456-3966	<a href="mailto:poppopsichel@gmail.com">poppopsichel@gmail.com</a>	<b>Carroll Harris</b> 443-375-7145 <b>Shiple Oil</b> Dan Myers 717-771-0773
Kitchen Maintenance and Cleaning	Clay Myatt	410-596-7218	<a href="mailto:candcmyatt@gmail.com">candcmyatt@gmail.com</a>	<b>Pine Heights</b> 410-644-8844
Mowing, Snowing, and Salting	Gary Wilmer	443-340-7690	<a href="mailto:wilmervicky@gmail.com">wilmervicky@gmail.com</a>	<b>Matt Deavers</b>
Office Equipment (including computer)	Laura Waltrup	410-961-8425	<a href="mailto:waltrups@gmail.com">waltrups@gmail.com</a>	<b>Freedom Wireless Broadband</b> 443-742-8513
Organ Repair/ Maintenance	Linda Yost	443-605-8295	<a href="mailto:llyost@verizon.net">llyost@verizon.net</a>	<b>Meyers Enterprises</b> 410-922-2220
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Pest Control	Gordon Benson	410-409-1967	<a href="mailto:bandgbenson@gmail.com">bandgbenson@gmail.com</a>	<b>Ehrlich</b> 410-882-1000 <b>Arnold Pizzini</b> 410-491-0640
Plumbing	Mike Sichel	410-446-3966	<a href="mailto:poppopsichel@gmail.com">poppopsichel@gmail.com</a>	<b>Naylor's</b> 410-239-8141 <b>Forest Crispin</b> 410-374-4969, 443-365-418
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Sanitation	Gordon Benson and Phillip Daugherty	Gordon 410-409-1967 Phillip 4433708436	<a href="mailto:bandgbenson@gmail.com">bandgbenson@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:phillipdaugherty1988@yahoo.com">phillipdaugherty1988@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Hughes Trash</b> 410-374-6467
Security	Pam Phillips	410-596-0777	<a href="mailto:oceancity1958@comcast.net">oceancity1958@comcast.net</a>	
Snow Removal	Gary Wilmer	443-340-7690	<a href="mailto:wilmervicky@gmail.com">wilmervicky@gmail.com</a>	<b>Matt Deavers</b>

**Outreach Committee Minutes • February 12, 2020**

**\*\* Please Note:** *Many of the planned activities below have been postponed or cancelled due to the threat of COVID-19. Please use these minutes mostly as a record of plans and possible future events. \*\**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills are paid for and we are still in the black.

**Faith Feast:** Dian Rowe Our next turn is February 21<sup>st</sup> and Dian has everything that she needs. Our next time is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Baked Potato Luncheon** was a success. Thank you for everyone who came out to support us. We raised \$332.00. Next time we will get fewer potatoes and toppings.

**Narcarn training** was very successful. We had 32 people in attendance.

**Homeless Outreach:** We setup in Walmart parking lot with sandwiches, blankets, supplies on January 10th. We did not hand out anything. John Martin took the sandwiches over to the Cold Weather Shelter and handed them out. We planned to try again on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, but God had other plans and sent a tornado. Cindy and Clay Myatt found a place for homeless in Westminster called On Your Own. They took blankets and other supplies to them and they were very appreciative. Our Blessing bags are in the rear of the church for anyone to take and hand out.

**Alpha Pregnancy Bottles** are in the back of the church. Please return them soon.

**Easter Baskets:** We will be putting Easter baskets out on March 1<sup>st</sup> for members of the congregation to fill. We will attach tags to the baskets. Please return them by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Green Turtle:** Matt has set us up for a Green Turtle Fundraiser in Westminster on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. A percentage of your bill will go to Outreach. Please get your friend and family and go out for dinner to support us.

**Pies/Tarts/Cobblers:** Kim has set the date for April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to bake a pie, tart or cobbler, please let Kim know. Great for Easter dinner!

**NESAP:** Janet reported that 52% of NESAP's budget comes from the store. They have added on an addition in the back to house clothing etc. There will be a ribbon cutting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. NESAP is having a spring fundraiser called Taste of Spring on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Janet and Vicky have tickets if you are interested.

**Habitat for Humanity:** We are looking at working with Habitat for Humanity. Jan will be attending an open house on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30. See Jan if you would like to attend with her.

**College Students:** We will once again be collecting items such as gift cards, crackers, microwave popcorn, protein bars, granola bars, etc. Boxes will be placed in the back on March 8<sup>th</sup> and we will send them out on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Activities:** We are trying to do more social activities for our church. If you have a suggestion or would like to host an event, please let Vicky know.

**Rummage Sale:** We will be holding a rummage sale on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please start cleaning out your closets, basements, and attics for this event.

**Next Meeting:** March 11th

## Minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting • January 29, 2020

**Attendance:** Linda and Jonathan Yost, Pam Phillips, John Sies, Davona Palmer, Brenda Hess, Bonnie Catron, Sandy Cole, Matthew Sichel.

Pam Phillips opened the meeting with a devotional about the precious nature of time. The message was about the importance of taking time "to live" for God and others. "It's Later Than You Think," by Lucy Swindoll, in a book called Joy Breaks. Pam asked if everyone received minutes from the retreat.

Church Supper:

- There was a church supper meeting; a small committee met last week.
- Oyster price is \$65-\$75/gallon – huge savings. Going through Trout's seafood in New Market. Pam called around churches in Thurmont and most of those churches used Trout's.
- It is likely that the price of the supper will not change.
- Churches in Thurmont shared tips and tricks.
- Looking at sponsorships for business and completing flier.

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Amy & Denny are in Florida. Joan Porterfield has retired. Ad council will not make decisions about replacement until other committees discuss. Confirmation Classes coming. Rev. Amy needs three youth. Confirmation on Pentecost. Amy anticipates graduation in Spring 2021. She had an excellent semester.

**Finance:** Finance met and no one volunteered to be the chairperson; responsibilities of the chair will rotate. Laura is continuing to train Cynthia. Servant Keeper is almost ready to go for Finance.

Information Technology (IT):

- The Camera computer box was investigated and repaired. There is a back-up power supply if the power goes out.
- John Sies says that anyone can check on the church computers to see if the cameras will work. John says that anyone who is regularly here alone should be trained to get in and see if they are working.

**Youth:** Youth are going to Rock. They are staying in two condos. The Shrove Tuesday Supper is a fundraiser.

**Christian Ed:** Held first meeting of 2020 on January 21, 2020. We discussed how classes were going and assessed the current Sunday School Curriculum.

- Pre-K through 3rd do not like the Whirl curriculum. In addition to the themed cartoon DVD, we show a more informative video on the actual Bible story. 4th-6th grades curriculum not great. Teachers search for more interesting material.
- Class age groupings - Some of us say age groups are too wide: 1st-3rd included minimal readers and children who can read at grade level or above. 4th-6th are OK at this point as they have only 4th-5th grade students.
- The Women's Class studies pertinent issues. Attendance is down a little.
- Adult Sunday School class continues to read through the Bible and have discussions.
- Parsonage Club Adult Class reads and discusses the Bible.
- MUSIC – Anticipate Cynthia Davey will continue to provide music time with the Pre-K through 3rd grades.
- LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. 2/27, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, and possibly 4/9.
- PALM SUNDAY, April 5, 2020– Combined Sunday School with lesson, activity stations and an Easter Egg hunt.
- VBS: June 22 – 26, 2020 - Themes are being reviewed. (Likely Rocky Railway). Suggested there be a 3-person team to coordinate
- CRADLE ROLL – Janet is thinking about having a class for moms and babies. Stay tuned.
- HIGH SCHOOL CLASS - Chet Phillips is now co-teaching with Nan Lishman. All classes have two instructors/leaders, and Junior Church is being held in the Pre-School Room with the Nursery Supervisor present. We are now following Safe Sanctuary Rules within our Sunday School. It was emphasized that all paid staff need to have background checks.
- LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – MAY 31, 2020
- Jonathan Yost misses the larger Sunday School adult class. Perhaps in the fall, we should combine adult classes.

**SPRC:** Held first meeting of 2020 on January 15, 2020.

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- Reviewed our Pastor's Goals for 2020 – She wants to concentrate on:
  - ⇒ Prayer; Healing service in the Fall, 2020; Evangelism
- Confirmation Class this Spring with attendees joining church on Pentecost, May 31, 2020
- Status of Sexton's position: Calvin Lucy has taken over the major portion of cleaning and ordering of supplies. John helps out when able.
- Status of Youth Leader: Will not be looking to hire another Youth Leader at this time. Volunteers will step in until summer.
- Status of Contemporary Worship Leader: Lisa Kemp and Lana Montgomery are sharing the responsibilities of leading and producing the Contemporary Service.
- Joan Porterfield's retirement as of February 26, 2020 – Have asked Jeff to consider coming on full time at Wesley. He will let me know.
- Next meeting: February 12, 2020 – 7:15 p.m.

#### Trustees:

- Matt shared with the group that the emergency lights in the hallway aren't working. Trustees will investigate.
- The first Trustees meeting of this year was held on January 8, 2020. John Martin, outgoing Chairperson, reviewed a list of all projects completed and pending for 2017 – 2019. He also presented Committee members with a 2020 WIP (Wesley Improvement Projects) List and Other Projects.
- After some discussion, Pam Phillips agreed to be Trustees Secretary. Linda Yost agreed to be the Chairperson and sign all necessary legal documents. Each member of the Trustees has an assigned area of need/repair and will be the contact person for that need/repair. This list, with names and phone numbers, will be published in the Wesley Journal and will be posted in the Church Office. We are going to work as a TEAM.
- Two items which need to be addressed now: 1) Repair to the dishwasher before March 21st Supper – This is in progress. 2) Water leaking into Education wing heating vents on the garden side of the building.
- Next Trustees meeting will be held Wed., February 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Membership/Servant Keeper/Committee Descriptions: Sandy is working on Servant Keeper. There is now a database for "Flier Recipients." Sandy is the Communications Coordinator. Sandy also needs the descriptions for committee chairpersons [as discussed at the Planning Retreat.]

UMW: UMW is meeting 7 to 8 women. The meeting day is changing to Sundays on every other month. Perhaps going to Savannah Wesley House. The UMW drafted a new budget; they downsized their efforts.

GriefShare: Starts February 18<sup>th</sup>. Sandy sent ads to Carroll County Times, Merchandiser, and Northern News. Pam will give ad to hospice.

Outreach: The Baked Potato Luncheon went well. Some came after early worship! The homeless ministry didn't go as expected [Outreach will try again.] Easter Baskets are coming. A Rummage Sale is coming.

NARCAN Training: John Sies said that the NARCAN training went very well. Many people showed up.

#### Finance Secretary:

- Jonathan Yost said that we are migrating from Excel to Servant Keeper [with our giving records.] However, he can enter data into Excel faster than Servant Keeper, so he will continue to export from his database to Servant Keeper.
- Jonathan will also be culling envelopes and numbers and updating the numbering system to reflect the fact that some people give electronically and not in envelopes.
- Servant Keeper will also cut down process time on giving statements.
- Jonathan noted that another Town Hall Meeting should be in the works.

Capital Fundraising: Met Monday night. All kinds of ideas are percolating for events, including a possible trip to Tobys Dinner Theater to see Godspell.

Matt Sichel closed the meeting in prayer.

*Minutes Submitted by Matthew Sichel and Revised by Jessica Sichel*



# MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	2	3 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Harrell Library	4 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Visitation at J&P's Restaurant 12 PM Praise Team 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	5 Lenten Bible Study 10 to 11:30 AM "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Wesley UMC Sanctuary 6 to 7 PM	6 Office Drop-In 10 AM to 12 PM	7 Scout Troop 380 Auction, Snyder's Auction House, Hampstead
8 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	9 UMM at 6:30 PM	10 Executive Committee Dinner & Meeting 5 PM GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Harrell Library	11 Office Drop-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM Praise Team 6 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	12 Lenten Bible Study 10 to 11:30 AM "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Wesley UMC Sanctuary 6 to 7 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM	13 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	14 <i>April Journal Submissions Due Tomorrow!</i>
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> Worship Canceled— Visit our webpage for Virtual Worship	16	17	18 Office Call-In Hours 1:30 to 3:30 PM	19 Lenten Bible Study (off-site) 10 to 11:30 AM	20 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	21
22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> Worship Canceled— Visit our webpage for Virtual Worship	23	24	25 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	26 Lenten Bible Study (off-site) 10 to 11:30 AM	27 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	28
29 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Worship Canceled— Visit our webpage for Virtual Worship	30 Tentative: Capital Fundraising Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM	31 Tentative: Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM Tentative: GriefShare 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Harrell Library		<b>Regular Worship Schedule:</b> 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/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.

### Updates on Wesley Services and Activities...

Given the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, and in compliance with directives from the Maryland Governor's office and the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the UMC, Wesley UMC is altering upcoming services and/or events:

- ~ Worship Services and events on the property will be canceled through at least March 29, 2020.  
Unable to come, but wanting to worship? Visit our "Virtual Worship" page at <http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/virtual-worship.html> where you will find sermons from past weeks, music selections, and prayers to guide you. You may also use the "Prayer Requests" link to submit your prayer requests to the church. Finally, stay tuned for details about returning to a more-regularly scheduled program.
- ~ Our Spring Fried Oyster and Fried Chicken Supper, originally scheduled for March 21st, has now been canceled. Please mark your calendars for our Fall Supper: Saturday, November 14th.
- ~ Check out our website regularly for updates to the Wesley UMC Schedule : [www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org](http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org).

*...and, while washing your hands, also remember: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;  
I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols." Ezekiel 36:25 (NIV)*

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