



*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...

The other day I put a post on Facebook saying that I keep thinking that I am going to wake up from this strange dream I've been dreaming, but it isn't a dream. Many folks wrote back and said they feel the same way. We've never been through anything like this Covid-19 event before. Some of us are feeling anxious. Some of us are dealing with being suddenly unemployed. Some of us are home with children. Some of us are working from home. All of us are missing one another. We live in challenging times.

Please remember that God is bigger than all of this.

For the leadership of the church, both lay and ordained, we are navigating uncharted territory. We can't worship together in person, so we've had to be innovative. We are spending lots of time online, gathering ideas from one another and learning from each other. For those of us who are not too technically savvy, we have had to learn quickly. As my doctoral mentor, Len Sweet, said to me, "Your computer monitor is your new pulpit." How true!

In that spirit, our church meetings (or most of them) are going online. ZOOM and Google Duo are popular platforms for this type of communication. Look for invitational links to bible studies, adult Sunday School classes, and church meetings. Directions for meeting online will be posted. I have begun putting inspirational messages, virtual worship and my "fireside chats" on our church's Facebook page, e-mail, and the Wesley United Methodist Church webpage (www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org). For those church members who don't use computers, we are reaching via telephone. The purpose of all this is to keep our church connected during (what Laura Waltrup calls) this "Sabbath" time in the life of our church.

Please call around to check on church members, particularly those who live alone, to see if any needs exist. Sometimes a phone call makes all the difference between whether one feels lonely or part of a church family. I need your help with this! We don't have to be inside a church building to be the church. Let's take care of one another in these extraordinary times.

Please pray. Pray for our church family, pray for the world. So many are suffering right now. Pray for our first responders and those working on the front lines, combatting this virus. Pray for those who are alone. Pray for a cure for Covid-19. Pray for the Church universal, as we try to figure out what God wants us to be and do. Pray for the tiny churches in our area who are going to have a hard time weathering this storm. Just PRAY.

If you have a pastoral need, please bring it to me directly. I might not be able to visit you in person, but I can pray with

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- 15 Ken & Fay Miller
Greg & Connie Wiegel
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Our Condolences...

We offer our condolences to the Sichel family on the passing of Aunt, Great-Aunt, and Great-Great Aunt Anna May Howry, who lived from June 27, 1930 ~ April 3, 2020, and all the days in between. May God hold you close as you mourn "Mazie's" passing and celebrate her life.

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer request? Email Matt Sichel at prayerrequest@wesleychurch-hampstead.org. You can also click on the Prayer Request link on our website at www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

Contact Info. Update

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

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

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

you and offer you love. Please remember that God is bigger than all of this. In closing, I would like to offer you a poem that was recently shared with me by a clergy colleague. Perhaps you have seen or heard it. It is written by Brother Richard Hendrick and it is entitled "Lockdown."

Lockdown by Brother Richard:

Yes, there is fear.
 Yes, there is isolation.
 Yes, there is panic buying.
 Yes, there is sickness.
 Yes, there is even death.
 But,
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes
 But blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 People are singing to each other
 across the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open
 so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighborhood
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a
 new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
 To how big we really are.
 To how little control we really have.
 To what really matters.
 To Love.
 So we pray and we remember that
 Yes there is fear.
 But there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation.
 But there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 But there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness.
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul
 Yes there is even death.
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
 Today, breathe.
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
 The birds are singing again
 The sky is clearing,
 Spring is coming,
 And we are always encompassed by Love.
 Open the windows of your soul
 And though you may not be able
 to touch across the empty square,
 Sing.

Love, Rev. Amy



On behalf of my family I want to thank everyone for their visits, cards, calls, texts, Facebook posts and prayers we received in support and comfort as we grieved the passing of Bobby.

We appreciate the love you shared and we could not get through this difficult time without you.

God bless you.

Cherie Hughes

"Thank You" (Continued from Page 3)

Today, Gary and I delivered 20 filled Easter baskets and some essential bags to Shepherd's Staff in Westminster!

Thank you to everyone who helped out!

During this crisis, we can not be afraid to be the hands and feet of Christ!

Way to go Wesley Church!

Love, Vicky Wilmer



Save the Date! More Details Coming Soon From the Capital Fundraising Committee



Kick-Off to Summer!

Sunday May 17
12:30 at Wesley UMC
Fellowship and fun over a picnic lunch.

Summer Concert

August 30th on the Lawn
Wesley UMC
Two Shows!



Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church — join from a distance today! **Due to COVID-19 protection/prevention, some meetings may have been postponed, but the reading does not have to take a break!**

- ↪ The April selection is ***When God Works the Night Shift*** by Ron Mehl. The meeting was originally scheduled to be on Thursday, April 30. If you get the opportunity to read this book, please do so. It is a perfect read for anyone at this time when the whole world is confined to their homes and facing uncertainty. It is a fast read, taking even as little as a few sessions to finish, and can serve as a devotional, as well.
- ↪ The May selection is ***Beartown*** by Fredrik Backman. The meeting was originally scheduled to be on Thursday, May 28.
- ↪ The June selection is ***One Tuesday Morning*** by Karen Kingsbury. The meeting was originally scheduled to be on Thursday, June 25.

Good Reads &
Conversation

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

NESAP "Taste of Spring" Event and Food Pantry Needs

Given the current pandemic, NESAP 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.

Due to recent guidance from federal and state agencies, the NESAP thrift store and loading dock/drop off area were closed as of Monday, March 16, 2020, with the date of re-opening *TBD*. Any changes to this policy will be communicated on NESAP's Facebook page. The NESAP Food Pantry is remaining open as long as it can to serve our neighbors in need; however, **it would be better to drop-off donations for NESAP through the Wilmer Family (52 N. Houcksville Rd.) or the Martin Family (226 Houck Rd.)**. NESAP is also accepting monetary donations. Money helps them to fill in the gaps at the Food Pantry. If you'd like to limit your time in the grocery store, you can mail a check to:

NESAP, INC.
P.O. BOX 731, HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074

You can also donate online with a charge card if you would like: www.nesapinc.org.

Dear Wesley Church,

I pray this finds you all well and safe. Please let me know if you are in need of anything.

As many in our community have lost their jobs during this crisis, the demands at NESAP have increased. At this time they can only take donations of food or monetary donations. I am asking Wesley Church to look in your pantries and cupboards, to share at least one item per person with members of our community in need. NESAP will even take expired items. If we each gave one item, we could donate 50-100 or more items. How can we do this? [Just see above!]

Wesley has always been a very generous and giving church, let's all pull together now.

Praying daily for each of your safety and health.

Love, Vicky Wilmer

NESAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- cereal
- canned pasta (Beefaroni, Spaghetti-Os, etc.)
- bottled drinks (apple juice, etc.)
- canned fruit
- toilet paper
- cleaners
- laundry detergent
- jelly
- canned meats (chicken, salmon, etc.)
- canned beans (kidney, white beans, black beans)
- canned carrots
- paper towels
- dish detergent (for handwashing dishes)

NESAP is there to help. Please keep the ministry in your prayers.

NESAP Contact Information:

Donn Dietrich, Executive Director, North East Social Action Program (NESAP)
1046 S Carroll St., Hampstead MD 21074

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"Sweet Hour of Prayer:" At Home in Prayer

The great thing about prayer is that you can do it anywhere, anytime, and whether or not you are quarantined from others! Praise be to our God, who is so ready and willing to be available to us.

John Wesley once wrote, "Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is for your life; there is no other way... Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer. Take up your cross and be a Christian altogether. Then will all children of God rejoice (not grieve) over you in particular."



Especially during Lent and during Holy Week, we should remember that our Lord prayed—for us, for himself, and in relationship with His Father. Let us follow His loving example.

Some Prayers During Stay-at-Home:

Prayer: Keep Me Safe **Equipment:** water, soap

Set Up: You could do this simple activity every time you wash your hands in a sink.

Suggested Instructions: Using soap and water, thoroughly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. As you wash your hands, think about how you feel about the coronavirus disease. If you want to, you can say a hope or a prayer for safety. *Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

Prayer: Keep Others Safe **Equipment:** tissues/toilet roll, pens

Set Up: You could do this activity at a table, maybe with your family or in your bedroom.

Suggested Instructions: Tissues are fragile. They tear easily. Think about someone you know, or groups of people (e.g. those who are elderly or homeless) who may feel 'fragile' or vulnerable. If you want to, you can write or draw a hope or a prayer for them onto one of the tissues. Keep the tissue in your pocket or put it beside your bed to remind you to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayer: Love > (is bigger than) Fear **Equipment:** paper, pens, love-heart shapes or love-heart Post-it notes

Set Up: You could do this activity at a table, maybe with your family or in your bedroom.

Suggested Instructions: Fear can feel HUGE and overwhelming. If you want to, you can write your fears about the coronavirus disease onto a piece of paper. But then, you can stick love-heart shapes on top of those fears, completely covering them, as a hope or a prayer to be set free from fear. *1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."*

Praying with/for you:

Wesley UMC is very available to pray with you and for you. Please contact Rev. Amy at 410-604-5245 or revamys@aol.com, Matt Sichel at 443-278-3440 or popsichel@hotmail.com, or Jess Sichel at 443-850-4274 and we will either pray with you or get you connected with prayer.

Also, World Vision asked how they could pray for us, our church and our community, and they've received thousands of prayer requests from the World Vision family. As they continue to lift these up, our entire church is invited to join in seeking God's guidance. Text "pray" to 44888 for weekly prayer suggestions. You'll get a text each week with a prayer prompt going forward. Please share with your entire church congregation.

Some words from Matt Sichel, the Prayer Chain Coordinator:

Wesley prayer warriors, I know that we are all working very hard in praying for an end to this pandemic. I was just speaking

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"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Continued)

with my friend, the Rev. Ayub Mugabi, who is the pastor of God's Grace UMC in Iganga, Uganda. They have lived through Ebola, so they know what this is for us. They are in *mighty* prayer on our behalf, knowing that we are beginning to suffer tremendously here. Please say a prayer of thanks for Ayub, the clergy and fellow Christians of Africa, who are going to bat for all of us. They are also having difficulty because people are now dying from hunger (as no one is working for fear of the virus).

I am reminded of Jesus' words when facing the disciples failure to cast out a demon immediately after the Transfiguration. The story is in both Matthew 17:14-21 and Mark 9:14-29. Jesus, Peter, James and John had come down from the mountain and encountered the other apostles who were trying to cast an unclean spirit out of a young boy. The apostles could not seem to drive the spirit out. Jesus chastised them, and when they asked him later why they couldn't do the work, he said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer." Matthew's gospel adds "fasting" as well.

This is our charge. Coronavirus may only go out with much prayer (and fasting). **Jesus Christ still heals.** The doctors, nurses and healthcare workers are doing their jobs, and doing them well. It is our turn. Be in prayer. Jesus gives us an example of *travailing* in prayer in many places, especially in the Garden of Gethsemane. We are the prayer warriors. Let's go to work.



We were to have Thursdays at Wesley during Lent as our "Sweet Hour of Prayer." While we cannot do that together, I encourage you to do it at home. Set aside time on Thursday nights to pray. Let's lay our lives before the Throne of Christ. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous person has great effectiveness." Pray like your lives depend on it. They may.

Let us be effective for everyone in need.

In Christ, Matt Sichel

April Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



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; Philipians 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



Library Notes



Due to the ever-changing information and concerns about the coronavirus, we thought that reading Psalm 91 may serve as a comfort to God's faithful followers. An excerpt: "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." Let's not resort to panic or fear when we are in our Father's care. **[If you want to see different versions of your favorite Bible verses, please check out www.biblegateway.com.]**

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 when things get a bit more normal?? Thanks so much! *****

Miraculous Healings The Hidden Hand of God by Guideposts (240). God works amazing miracles and wonders. Wonders that not only restore the body, but even greater wonders that heal the heart and soul. Within this volume, we watch the unfolding promises of a God who knows us completely. He knows the miracle we truly need—which is sometimes different from the one for which we first asked. There is no limit to His mercy and love, no limit to what He can provide, and no limit to the lengths He will reach to keep us within His perfect plan. Patricia S. Klein has compiled a powerful collection of true miracles: a husband who heals his wife's painful illness; a voice restored despite irreversible damage; even a baby brought back to life!

Mornings With Jesus 2018 by Guideposts (240) In 365 devotions, women of faith share their personal experiences that come from living in Jesus's light and encourage you to embrace it. You will surrender to Jesus's care and be able to focus more on the Faithful Friend, the One Who hears your prayers. With heartfelt voices, twelve celebrated writers, including Gwen Ford Faulkenberry, Gari Meacham, and Cynthia Ruchti, recognize the authority of Jesus and the nourishing impact of His light. Jesus's righteous character and beloved teachings offer wisdom and hope that invite us to have a closer walk with Him.

Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado (232) At times in your life, you've been caught by life's storms. Maybe you're going through one right now. Perhaps the storm is futility. Perhaps the storm is failure. Perhaps the storm is finality. For the heart scarred with futility, that Friday holds purpose. For the life blackened with failure, that Friday holds forgiveness. And for the soul looking into the tunnel of death, that Friday holds deliverance. What do those six hours hold for you?

My Heart's Cry by Anne Graham Lotz (232) Jesus intimately opened His heart to His disciples, revealing Himself in a life-changing way that revolutionized their world. The same intensely personal revelation of Jesus that changed the world two thousand years ago can also change your life today.

Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado (232) "After forty years of ministry, I've discovered that nothing lifts the weary soul like the promises of God. This book contains some of my favorites. Many of them are go-to promises I've turned to throughout the years to encourage others. And to encourage myself. Don't we need them? We do not need more opinions or hunches; we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. He governs the world according to these great and precious promises. The circumstances of life or the promises of God—upon which are you standing?"

The Six Miracles of Calvary by William R. Nicholson (227) Each year, we seek to reproduce the "glory of the resurrection" in churches across the nation, in both the simplest and most extravagant productions, with music, singing, and drama. Yet no staged glory can compare with the grandeur that the true story of the resurrection delivers to the human heart that will open to receive it. In these pages you will find the purpose behind the suffering of our Savior and the meaning behind the supernatural wonders of heaven at the moment of His precious death. And you will find the glory of Easter born anew in your heart.

When it reopens after the COVID-19 outbreak subsides, 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

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Library Notes *(Continued)*

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.

When reopened, 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

Notes from the United Methodist Women

The last time UMW ladies met was on January 15th after worship service.

Our scheduled meeting for March 15th was cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Connie sent out an overview of our Call to Prayer and Self Denial UMW Program to all unit ladies which would have been presented on March 15th if we would have had our unit meeting. The scripture reading for this program was 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Our Special Mission for a Call to Prayer and Self Denial offering will help to support work at the National Mission Institutions, International Partners and Regional Missions. There are 8 missionaries that work around the globe that help to meet the needs of women, children and youth in communities across the world.

In this time of fear and uncertainty let us all hold on to God's promise for us found in Isaiah 41-10:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our next UMW meeting will be held on May 17th after church worship service. All women of the church are invited to join us.

Find peace in Christ, Brenda Hess



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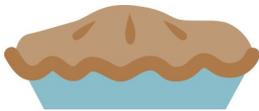


Outreach Activities Rescheduled



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 2nd/3rd. 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 candcmyatt@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!

Outreach Committee Minutes • March 11, 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: Jan Kurtz, Davona Palmer, Vicky Wilmer, Cindy Myatt, Jason Montgomery, Janet Martin, Dian Rowe, Sallie Taylor, Kim Peake, Linda Yost

Treasurer's Report: Ended with a good balance

Compassion International: One child "aged out." We will take on another.

Faith Feast: Next date is April 24th

Homeless Outreach: Bags to go to Cold Weather Shelter

Rummage Sale: Now postponed till Fall

Alpha Pregnancy Bottles: Due to the circumstances, we will still accept

Easter Baskets: 20 baskets were delivered to Shepherd Staff

Green Turtle Fundraiser: Postponed

Pies/Tarts/Cobblers Sale: Postponed

NESAP: Taste of Spring postponed until Fall

Habitat for Humanity: Jan attended a meeting about Habitat for Humanity in Carroll County

Westminster Rescue Mission: Tea on April 25th [rescheduled/cancelled?]

Women's Shelter: Opens by end of April

Next Meeting: April 8th [via Zoom?]

"Sabbath" Giving ~ "Are Ye Able?"

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) 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
- **NEW! Give by text through Vanco: (see next page for instructions.)**

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, and the Wesley UMC Staff***

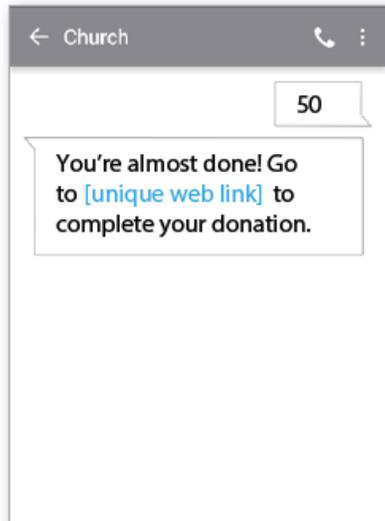
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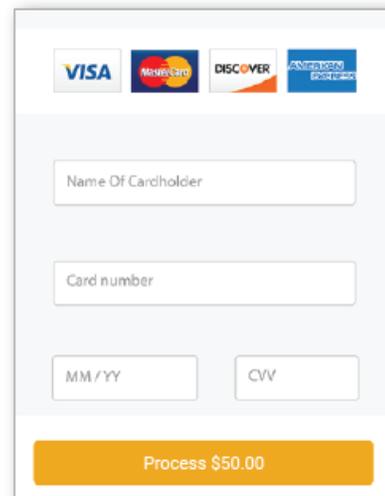
1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



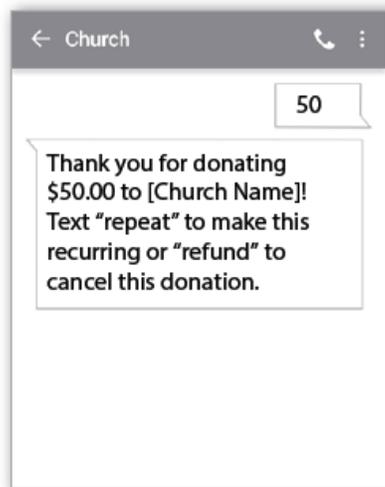
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



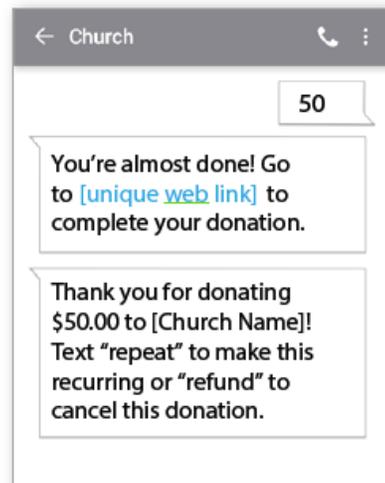
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

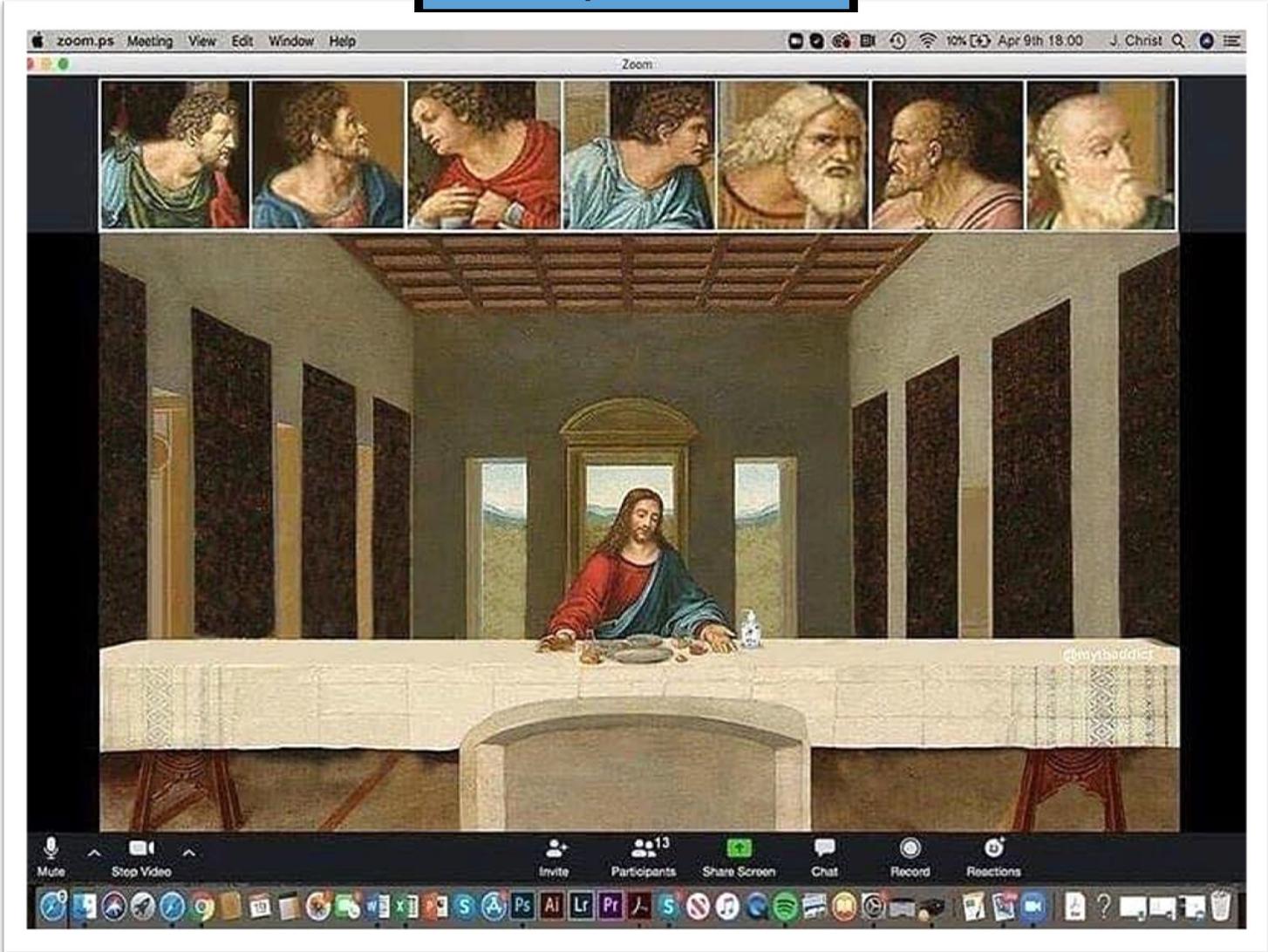


4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



The Funny Pages!



But, Lord, what about that time when there's only one set of footprints?

Look closer, my child. That was 2020; I was still walking with you, but at a social distance.



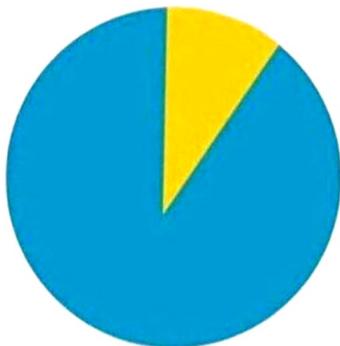
She Made a Funny!

A wife invited some people to dinner.
 At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,
 'Would you like to say the blessing?'
 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.
 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.
 The daughter bowed her head and said,
 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

**If you bought 30 rolls of toilet paper, you owe 3 to the church.
 Tithing is not cancelled.**

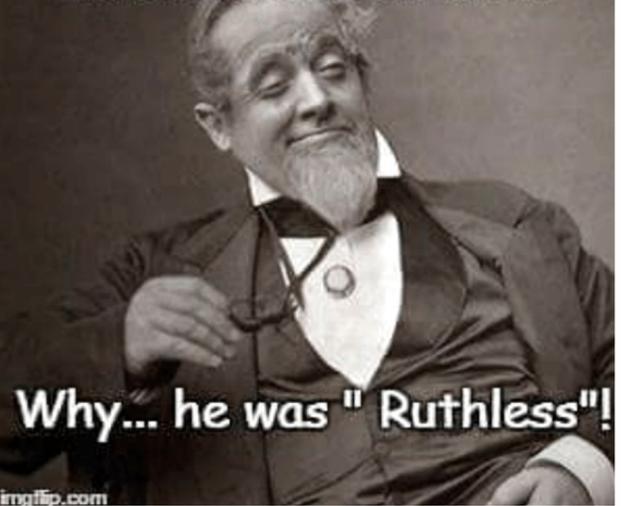


Can Jesus handle this?



- Yes
- Yes, but in yellow

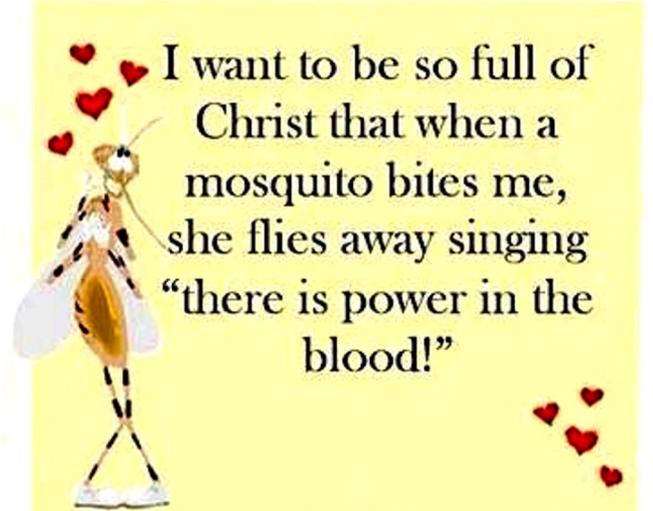
What kind of man was Boaz before he was married?



Why... he was "Ruthless"!



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

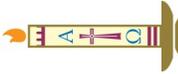


I want to be so full of Christ that when a mosquito bites me, she flies away singing "there is power in the blood!"



APRIL 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>5 Palm Sunday— Hosanna in the Highest! Make a palm and take a picture with it! Post it on the Wesley UMC Facebook Page or email wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org</p>  | <p>6 Tentative: UMM via Zoom at 6:30 PM</p> | 7 | <p>8 Tentative: Outreach via Zoom 6 PM Tentative: SPRC via Zoom 7 PM</p> | <p>9 Holy Thursday "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (at your home) 6 to 7 PM</p>  | <p>10 Good Friday</p>  | 11 |
| <p>12 Easter: He is Risen! Alleluia!</p>  | <p>13</p> | <p>14 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom Time TBD</p> | <p>15 May Journal Submissions Due Today!</p> | <p>16 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (at your home) 6 to 7 PM</p> | 17 | 18 |
| <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22 Administrative Council via Zoom 7 PM</p> | <p>23 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (at your home) 6 to 7 PM</p> | 24 | 25 |
| <p>26</p> | <p>27 Tentative: Capital Fundraising Meeting via Zoom 7 to 8:30 PM</p> | <p>28 <i>Primary Election Day</i></p> | 29 | | | |

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

We're on the Web! Visit us at:
www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org

Phone: (410) 374-4027

Email: wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org

Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendar Inside!

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

April Services and Activities



"The church has left the building!"

This is a good way to think about our current ministry at Wesley ~ outside of the church. Lots of things are happening remotely through the program, "Zoom," such as Sunday school and meetings. One place to head to in the online world is our website to see some Virtual Worship options. Visit www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org.



Facebook is also being used to share worship songs and thoughts, Rev. Amy's Fireside chats, and things to read and think about. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wesleymc/>.

If you'd like to be a part of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, please call our secretary, Jess Sichel, at (443) 850-4274 or email her at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

May God bless you with good health and a willing spirit, so that you might seek, know, and love Him, as He loves you.

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