



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...

"When a Pastor REALLY Falls in Love with a Church"

Since I first stepped foot on Wesley United Methodist Church soil, I knew this was going to be a special appointment. I was a little nervous at first. The move to Wesley from Good Shepherd UM Church in Hampden was completely unanticipated. A true surprise. We are trained as United Methodist clergy to "expect the unexpected," and so we hold our breath during appointment season. Will the District Superintendent call or not? Having served four churches inside the Baltimore belt-

way, it felt different to be going to a rural church. Yet, in her infinite wisdom, Virginia Dailey of Good Shepherd UM Church said to me shortly before my departure, "We are going to miss you, but I think this is going to be a very good move for you." When I asked her why, she said, "I simply have a feeling."

Thank you for helping me to learn what it *really* means to fall in love...all over again.

Serving at Wesley has been one adventure after another. Who knew I would meet my husband here? I had completely sworn off men, for the rest of my natural existence. Who knew I would have a farm, where I could keep my rescue horses? Who knew we would start a contemporary service or mission trips or an endowment fund or a renovation of aging buildings? All of these have been innovations we have been through together.

And then, along came Covid-19.

They say women are like teabags. You don't find out what we're like until we get into hot water. Maybe churches are the same way. I spend a lot of time conversing with other clergy of different denominations. What I have learned from them is that this coronavirus epidemic has rocked the church/clergy world beyond our wildest imaginations.

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Need a FREE meal for the family?

TAKEOUT TUESDAY

Tuesday May 12, 2020 5:00-6:30pm

Where: 3239
Carrollton Rd
Hampstead, MD

Menu: Hotdogs,
Baked beans, Sloppy
Joes, Chips, Cake

We will bring your meals directly to your car while safe distancing. Have a little fellowship from your vehicle! Please share this with your family, friends and neighbors!



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| 4 Ruth Rill | Cynthia Davey | 2 Brad & Tracey Rill | 17 Scott & Davona Palmer |
| 7 Jonathan Yost | 22 Bruce Davidson | Andy & Stephanie Smith | 20 Daniel & Stacey Graf |
| 10 Charlie Beam | 24 Tyler Routson | 9 Michael & Brittany | Jeff & Jana Zachman |
| Cheryl DeVilbiss | 26 Sarah (Yost) Smith | Watkins | 23 John & Brenda Hess |
| 14 Ryan Baumiller | 27 Alex Myatt | 10 David & Dawn Graf | 26 Wayne & Cindy Rill |
| Scott Stauffer | 28 Lindsey (Horner) | 12 Aaron & Lauren Horner | 27 Allen & Mindy |
| 17 Bryce Thompson | Baumiller | 14 Bruce & Judy Davidson | (Daugherty) Dehority |
| 18 Robert "RJ" Gunnarsson | Clay Myatt, Jr. | 16 Brian & Melissa | H. Lee & Gladys Smith |
| Patty Harris | 29 Jim Watkins | (Phillips) Jones | 30 Rick & Laura Waltrup |
| 19 Dolores Bennett | 30 Henry Myatt | | |

Our Condolences...

We offer our condolences to the Palmer family on the recent passing of Scott's mother. We also send our love to the friends and family of William "Billy" Harris, Jr., who passed away on April 12, 2020. We particularly wish to remember Madison Harris, his daughter, at this time. Cards conveying thoughts and prayers of hope and fond memories may be sent to Madison at 100 Milton Ave., Fallston, MD, 21047. May God hold you close as you mourn Billy's passing and celebrate his life.

Prayer Chain

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

Seeking Graduate Info.

This is a very unusual year for many, including for those graduating from educational programs. **If you have a graduate you'd like to recognize (or YOU are the graduate),** please email the info and future plans to Jess at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.



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

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| 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
(410) 374-6219 | Elsie Zumbrun
Sunflower Hill Asst. Living
416 Uniontown Rd.
Westminster, MD 21158 |
| 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 |



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)*

Some of us are like a deer in the headlights. Some of us go straight into "get to work" mode. Some of us are somewhere in between. All of us are in a collective state of shock. How does one completely "re-do church," putting everything online that used to be done in person within the space of a couple of weeks?

But Wesley is...well...Wesley.

It is a testimony to the greatness of our church's staff and laity that *somehow*, in the matter of a few short weeks, we have gone almost completely online. Two Sunday school classes, a contemporary worship service, online virtual liturgy and fireside chat. All meetings moved to ZOOM. A Thursday afternoon prayer time and a Sunday school class for kids, via several media platforms. And then there's the outreach...masks made by hand to keep people safe, phone calls going out to an entire directory full of people via a variety of volunteers. Food deliveries. Gift card deliveries. Did I leave anything out??? All of this started the second week in March. It is now the third week in April. What we have accomplished in a little over a month leaves me feeling breathless. Trust me...we are WAY ahead of the crowd. I am so proud of "my church." I thought I was in love with Wesley before. Seeing the spirit of this place during Coronavirus has made me a fan for life.

Thank you for your "can-do spirit." Thank you for continuing to support our church in beautiful ways, large and small. Thank you for loving God, one another, and your neighbors. Thank you for showing me what it means to be the church. Thank you for helping me to learn what it *really* means to fall in love...all over again. You're the best, Wesley UM Church. Thank you.

Love, Rev. Amy



I would like to extend a sincere thank to everyone for the many cards, e-mails, phone calls and words of comfort, love and support after the sudden passing of my brother Bill.

I ask for your continued prayers for Madison as she faces the challenges ahead from his passing.

Fondly, Debbie Schubert—The Harris Family

No matter what the task, they are willing to take it on, and usually together. Whether clearing snow from the church parking lot, to repairing shingles on our roof, to delivering canned goods to NESAP, to cleaning out the leftovers in our kitchen. A big THANK YOU to Gary and Vicky Wilmer for their efforts and dedication to Wesley. What a team!!

Martha Harris would like everyone to know that she is doing well and that the only time she goes out is to buy food. She's only out for approximately 1.5 hours. She's very thankful for all of the cards and calls, and she misses everyone very much!

We miss you, too, Martha!

**Do you or a neighbor need a face mask? Let us know!
Contact Vicky Wilmer at wilmervicky@gmail.com or 443-340-7703.**

NESAP Corner

Due to guidance from federal and state agencies, the NESAP thrift store and loading dock/drop off area are closed 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.



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 / nesap.director@gmail.org

Office: 443-244-1496; Alt. Number: 410-239-6216 www.nesapinc.org / www.facebook.com/nesapmission

Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



*Good Reads &
 Conversation*

The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church — join in from a distance! Reenie Harris will be providing information for upcoming meeting(s).

- ☞ 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.

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer:" At Home and In Prayer

From days of old, God's care for us has been evident: *Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* — Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV).

Remember that our Lord prayed—for us, for himself, and in relationship with His Father. Let us follow His loving example. 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.



Thursday Prayer Calls with Rev. Amy:

- Connect with Rev. Amy each Thursday at 1 PM with or without a computer! Rev. Amy will be using Zoom, which does not require a computer, but can be used with one. **To call in, dial 1 (301) 715-8592 and enter Meeting ID 836 1179 5657. If you would like to join in via Zoom conferencing, join the meeting at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83611795657> and enter the same Meeting ID number.**

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

- Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. — *Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the new coronavirus.

- God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job.

Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease's spread.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. — Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the new coronavirus.

- Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers ... — 2 Corinthians 1:10-11 (NIV)

Prayers and Scripture from worldvision.org:

<https://www.worldvision.org/disaster-relief-news-stories/prayers-people-affected-new-coronavirus>

Happy Mother's Day!! Honoring Our Mothers...



The Outreach Committee will be honoring our mothers on Mother's Day by making a donation to the Westminster Rescue Mission for their new Women's Residential Addiction Healing Program. We would like to wish all of the ladies of the congregation a "Happy Mother's Day!"

Library Notes

Due to the fact that we are all staying at home, we thought that exploring online resources might be a good way to stay connected to literature. NOTHING compares to reading the Holy Word of God in our Bibles, but there may be other sources that He is pointing us towards on the internet to calm our frazzled nerves and give us some peace. Do some browsing and try new things!



When we looked on the Carroll County Public Library website, we found the following resources:

Online Reading Challenge — this is a spring program where you can record pages of books or minutes that you have read along with completing activities

Maryland's Digital eLibrary Consortium — you can read books online, choosing from different subjects and ages of reading

Libby — an app for your phone that is through the Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium

Language Learning on Mango — I believe you have to create an ID and password, but it looks neat

Different Online Programs listed on the library website:

Tech Tuesdays, Trivia Night, Gentle Yoga, Yoga for Everyone

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

"Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

***** Additionally *****

Bonnie has lots of books at her house, so if you have run out or want to try more, please contact her to borrow some of hers!!

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

May Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

May 3: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 10: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 24: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 24 (Heritage Sunday): Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 31: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39



"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 can seek ways to remain connected, whether that be via email, Facebook, phone calls or written notes. Your church leaders want to know about 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. Text the amount you wish to donate to this 10-digit number: 833-793-0455. The first time you text, you will be prompted to follow a link to register and complete your donation.** For future giving, simply text your amount to the same number and it will process automatically.

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***

Wesley Women's Fall Retreat



All ladies are invited to the Wesley Women's Fall Retreat!

Cost: \$125.00 each. Also, sign up for contributions for dinner Friday night and breakfast for Saturday and Sunday.

NEW: Dinner at Hickory Bridge Farms Orrtanna, PA, on Saturday, October 24th, at 4:30 PM. Cost is \$29.95 per person

Please send your email confirmation to reserve your spot to Connie Wiegel by June 1st.

**Oct 23rd through Oct 25th, 2020, at Camp Eder
914 Mt. Hope Road • Fairfield, PA 17320**

Notes from the United Methodist Women's Meeting on April 19th

Our UMW meeting was conducted through Zoom. Everything worked out better than I had expected using this method. We had 6 ladies in attendance in the chat room.

We reviewed the UMW Treasurer's reports for January and March 2020. All reports were accepted as is.

Since we have not met, we needed to catch up on our current UMW bank account. We are now taking in less money into our account due to a few things: we have no current fundraising due to the COVID-19 virus, we have less members attending our meetings, and they are only conducted every other month now. We encouraged each other to remember to pay our dues to help support our UMW Missions. We are closely watching our checking balance to ensure that we have enough money to cover our budgeted designated and special missions for 2020. We are committed to our goal to fund the Missions budgeted and approved at the beginning of the year.

We received a Thank You response from the Board of Child Care Center for ladies volunteering to help set up the center for the Christmas gift wrapping area so the resident children at the center can purchase and wrap gifts for family members. This has always been a fun day to share our time in helping the Board of Child Care provide this activity for the children. Our unit purchased Christmas gifts for 3 resident children.

We received a Thank You letter from Access Carroll for our special mission offering giving in 2019.

Our Wesley UMW honored and presented Bonnie Catron with a UMW mission service pin during the UMW worship service in January for all her service to the Wesley United Methodist Church throughout the years.

A thank you note was received from Betsy Sennett for the poinsettia plant given to her during the Christmas holiday.

This year's Mission U event has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Our plan is to meet via Zoom connection for our next UMW meeting on May 17th at 2:00 pm.

A question was raised about campership for the various camping opportunities in the Baltimore Washington Conference for church member children to attend. Need to ask Rev. Amy whether the B & W conference can help to provide a scholarship toward the cost of camp.

Brenda Hess

Outreach Committee Minutes • April 8, 2020

In attendance: Jan Kurtz, Davona Palmer, Vicky Wilmer, Rev. Amy, Janet Martin, Sallie Taylor, Linda Yost, Jason Montgomery, Cindy Myatt, Pam Phillips, Connie Weigel, Stephanie Halley

Treasurer's Report:

1. New child for Compassion
 - A. Cindy provided a gift for the child we had previously who graduated from the program

Outreach to Medical Community

1. Carroll Hospital Center sent \$100 in Genova gift cards for the staff
2. Golden Crest in Hampstead –
 - A. Linda Hollman has taken over two \$100 gift cards (J& P and Genova) for the staff
 - B. Snacks taken over by Linda
3. Dove House –
 - A. Snacks taken over there by Vicky
 - B. Vicky took over \$100 gift card from Genova for the staff
4. Longview Nursing Home –
 - A. Snacks provided by Jan and Vicky
 - B. Cindy will take a \$100 gift card to Genova for the staff
5. Making Masks
 - A. Fabric cut into 8x15 will be on Vicky's porch
 - B. Linda Hollman is cutting out fabric for the masks
 - C. Other fabric is available in the Linus boxes at church
 - D. Anyone who doesn't sew can contact Vicky to cut things for the masks
 - E. Completed masks can be dropped off at Vicky's porch

Outreach to NESAP

1. Collecting food and supplies- NESAP has limited hours and you need to contact them ahead of time.
2. Donations can be brought the Wilmer's porch. They will bring it to NESAP.
3. Financial donations are also being accepted.

Outreach to Rescue Mission

1. Masks-volunteers are making masks Laura picked up 29 on 4/13 for Rescue Mission
2. Donations – gift cards for items used in the kitchen – milk, bottled water (BJS or local grocery stores) Cindy will pick up a \$100 gift card from Aldi's
3. We cleaned out the freezers and took the frozen corn, canned beans and other frozen things to donate to Rescue Mission.

Outreach to our Wesley Community

1. Contacting our members
 - A. Vicky will put out email requesting volunteers to contact people on the Wesley list to see how they are doing
 - B. We will be providing meals for Bob twice a week.
2. Stephanie is going to do a conference call for prayers on Good Friday
3. We will ask if anyone in the congregation needs masks too.

Easter baskets for Shepherd's Staff – 20 dropped off as well as the remainder of the blessing bags

Next Outreach Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, via Zoom.

Administrative Council Minutes • March 31, 2020

Welcome to Zoom! The meeting opened at approximately 7:04 PM.

Attendees: Davona Palmer, John Sies, Cynthia Davey, Linda & Jonathan Yost, Brenda Kennedy, Laura Waltrup, Pam Phillips, Matt & Jess Sichel, Vicky & Gary Wilmer, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, and Sandy Cole (UMW minutes sent in by Brenda Hess).

A **devotional** was offered regarding the sea of Galilee, which is 600' below sea level and has violent and unexpected storms. Jesus calmed the storm; why are we so afraid? ~ Art Monroe, Chaplain at Hospice

More people in Maryland have died due to Covid-19. To Laura – **thank you so much** for getting us connected via Zoom. Sunday, there was a women's class, Lana led some worship, and Rev. Amy had a "Fireside Chat." One good thing about Zoom is that it is good for bad weather.

Finances:

- Things are positive despite not having a Spring Supper; finances are in a similar place to last year.
- We are very close to the budget; doing well at the end of February.
- As of 3/25, our Total Operating Cash is about \$5,500; about half since last year. There has been an uptick in VANCO giving and we are receiving contributions by mail. Folks have been mailing and can mail the contributions to church or to Laura. Text will also be an option soon.
- So far, so good. Not using heat in the church building; the temperature was turned way back.
- The decision was not to hold the mail; Laura is handling the money with help from others with the mail.

Outreach:

- Everything is postponed (pretty much)
- Outreach is taking on a new Compassion child
- The Rummage Sale is scheduled for Fall – Oct. 2/3. Brenda suggested that stuff for the Rummage Sale be accumulated now. The Parsonage garage is partially used at the moment.
- Alpha bottles will eventually be turned in
- Vicky & Gary took 20 baskets to Shepherd's Staff
- The Pie/Tart sale, Greene Turtle fundraiser, and Taste of Spring have all been postponed
- Jan will be checking into Habitat for Humanity
- Laura is fairly sure the Mission Tea is not going to be held.
- We are collecting for people in need in our area – canned good sand such can be taken to Vicky's back porch or Janet Martin's house (not NESAP). Money can be used for the "frontline" folks in Nursing Homes and the Hospital. Vicky is collecting this. Golden Crest Assisted Living, Longview Nursing Home, the Hospital, and Dove House felt loved and appreciated when we provided them with gift certificates for local businesses, food, and such.
- Sewing masks from fabric. These are not so good for hospitals, but something with a filter can be used by Westminster Rescue Mission (can't find filters, though.)
- Alternatively, Mike Eastwood ordered a lot of masks from Japan. Mission folks can use them. Matt will coordinate.
- If anyone has needs, contact Vicky. She was able to see the fear on some of the younger adults' faces. We need to reach out to each other – send cards, texts, etc.
- Vicky & Davona will work on having an Outreach meeting on Zoom.
- One person is receiving a meal once a week. We should be aware of anyone who lives alone.

UMW (Linda Yost): The UMW will meet the next time they can, maybe via Zoom. Everything that Linda has been involved with has been postponed or cancelled. (See UMW Notes in the April 2020 issue of The Wesley Journal.)

Christian Education (Linda Yost):

- A small group got some Easter bags together very quickly [thank you from the kids!]
- It is possible that Christian Ed. might restart in May.
- We may have to change or cancel Vacation Bible School. The school system plans are in question; there are still some

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questions about all of this. A decision about VBS will possibly happen at the end of April. Vicky suggested "Camp in a Box;" "VBS in a Bag" was another suggestion. It is not the same as a regular VBS, but it is important to get the Gospel in folks' hands.

- An Adult class and Women's Bible class is being held on Sunday.

Rev. Amy: The Bishop and the Cabinet have put together worship for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Jess will put this online.

Reaching Out to Each Other:

- The North Carroll Cooperative Parish has put its membership into small groups for learning. For our purposes, it might be nice to do this for a check-in call. We could take/assign a page from our directory in a systematic way.
- Sandy Cole will print out the most recent copy of the directory. Davona and Vicky will split up the pages.
- People can sign up (we can put it out via email). Anyone can be involved.

Trustees:

- Linda noted that last week, she visited the church to check on leaking and there was none.
- Roof Right repaired the Tower. The choir room is okay.
- Two quotes have been received for repairs to the church; Trustees will go over the quotes tomorrow on Zoom.
- Working on bid(s) for floor waxing over the next week.
- Due to the age of the facility, someone should check regularly on the facility.
- The sensor on the pole light in the parking lot has been changed.
- The osmosis system has been worked on.
- The hood for the stove/ovens has been cleaned (this should be done every 6 months per state requirement, but this can be discussed later.)
- The video cameras at the church were working as of last Thursday.

SPRC:

- Calvin Lucy is the new custodian for the church. [Welcome him with a note or card: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lucy, 377 E. King St., Littlestown, PA 17340.
- [He worked with John Halley on cleaning the church.] He was going to do some sanitizing at the church last week. He may be able to do some things in the last part of April.
- Rose Hohmes may be in to clean toys.

Lay Member to Annual Conference (Matt Sichel):

- General Conference is postponed until 2021. The Minneapolis location will remain the same.
- The budget runs out this year, but contingencies may be used.
- To have the General Conference, the group must meet in person, not via Zoom.
- There has been a Protocol for Separation endorsed by all caucus groups in the denomination.
- The Annual Conference has been transitioned to a one day session to do the budget and have ordination/commissioning.

Candidate for Ordained Ministry (Matt Sichel): Matt sees the District Committee on Ministry (DCOM) at the end of April. He was able to meet with his candidacy mentor and received a lot of support from him.

Preparing for Palm Sunday/Easter, Jess and John Sies have been discussing putting recordings of our choir online. For some publishers, there are legal ways to do this. Pam thinks that this is a great idea, and Jan is fine with using past cantatas.

Prayers: Nancy Zentgraft, Martha Harris (folks have been reaching out to her), Halleys (tough week with chemo), Dieter Halle (has had multiple phone calls), Wayne Rill (had a cold a few days ago, but is doing well), prayers for those who are getting laid off/furloughed (the government is working every other week; salaries/hours are being cut...).

The next meeting of the Ad. Council will be Wednesday, April 22nd, via Zoom.

Rev. Amy closed in prayer at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Sichel, Recording Secretary

Administrative Council Minutes • April 22, 2020

The meeting opened at approximately 7 PM (via Zoom).

Attendees: Janet Martin, John Sies, Pam Phillips, Vicky Wilmer, Linda Hollman, Jess Sichel, Matt Sichel, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Denny Rill, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Brenda Hess, Brenda Kennedy, Laura Waltrup, and Davona Palmer.

Brenda Hess shared a **devotional** about having peace through our faith. [Thank you, Brenda!]

Rev. Amy:

- Led Billy Harris' service yesterday; the weather made the service more complicated.
- Rev. Amy has been connecting with people via phone.
- As it stands today, it looks like the church might [start reopening] around May 15th. The Executive Committee has been discussing how to "reopen."
- Rev. Amy has been writing papers. Her comprehensive exams are in May. This is leading up to her dissertation.

Finances:

- The Cemetery balance has not really been affected by the stock market; it is in a safe (conservative) investment.
- Congregants are still donating to WIP (Wesley Improvement Projects)
- The COVID-19 payroll and utilities grant/loan was awarded to us (all of the moneys used for payroll and utilities within a certain timeframe are "forgiven" as part of the grant; what goes unused becomes a loan to be repaid.) It was given through F&M Bank. The goal/loan for the grant is to keep employees and utilities intact. The loan is at 1% with no payments. The small business administration made the loan very easy. Laura is grateful for the blessing. Jonathan noted that we have eight weeks to file paperwork on how the money from the small business administration was used and asked if some will need to be return as unused. Laura replied not necessarily; we just have to prove that 75% was used for payroll and 25% was used for utilities. Laura also said that she has to give judos to the BW Conference for giving us info. In short order over Easter.
- Not too much in the way of liabilities.
- We are a bit behind, but a good chunk of that is due to the supper not being held.
- **Laura is so proud of the congregation, as we haven't really seen a reduction in income due to COVID-19. Thank you!**
- We are under budget; furthermore, Calvin offered not to continue temporarily.
- Brenda Hess asked why the utilities are so high; Laura replied that the budget billing had been cancelled and that we are now on a "pay as you go" plan. This helps with the bills over the summer months, when giving typically slumps. The oil will not be refilled until the fall. It was recently topped off and has not been used since.
- Rev. Amy brought up apportionments based on notice that she had received from the conference. Laura stated that we are paid through March (late, but paid) and that she is on a schedule of paying bills about once a month. It is possible that we had received notice due to our great track record of paying apportionments in the past and that we were contacted to make sure things were okay. Matt theorized that there is sensitivity to some folks withholding apportionments.

Outreach:

- Outreach met on April 8th [via Zoom]. Next meeting will be on May 13th via Zoom from 6 to 7:15 PM (Davona indicated that Outreach may move to a different night).
- Gift cards and baskets of snacks have been provided to local frontline staff.
- **Face masks are being made as requested by local frontlines. Also, if you have neighbors who need masks, please let Outreach know! Children's masks can be provided, as well.**
- NESAP provided elastic that it had in the store to us for masks [thank you!] Accepting money and donations to NESAP. The drive is going well; Vicky was able to take three shopping cart-fulls to NESAP
- The Westminster Rescue Mission was provided with 29 face masks; more will be at church tomorrow. \$100 was provided for perishables and water. Also, the freezers at church were cleaned out, with appropriate donations of frozen items going to WRM. The freezers downstairs were propped open, empty, and off.
- At the last Ad. Council meeting, there was a decision to reach out to everyone in the directory. 13 people volunteered.

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- Calls and notes have been made/sent; this is also helping to update the directory. People are also being asked if they are staying in contact with Wesley, and some had no idea when services were held and how to find services.

A lengthy discussion about efforts of the leadership and responses of the congregation ensued, some of which included:

- YouTube was put in place this week.
- Vicky's father is able to call in and hear a recorded sermon, which is simple to provide. We could send a letter saying something like, "after ____ time, dial this number and hear ____." Vicky's father's church uses phone-livestreaming.com for \$30/month.
- Prayer conference calls are being established around 6/6:30 PM on Thursday evenings starting next week [this has been modified to Thursdays at 1 PM.] This needs to be publicized for next week.
- It is a priority for Jess to send some things out snail-mail, but it is important to know who the recipients would be [some folks have provided advice/names for this purpose.]
- It is important to recognize that no one is intentionally being remiss and to be careful of being critical. However, it is also important to recognize that folks are feeling lonely in the church.
- People are tired of being in home and isolated; words may come out harsher than normal. Make sure to treat each other accordingly.

SPRC: No April meeting. Will meet via Zoom May 13th at 7:30 PM; however, staff reviews will not be conducted on Zoom.

Trustees: Will meet next on 1st Wednesday in May via Zoom.

- The floors at the church will be cleaned and waxed Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1. Please stay away from the church during this time [through May 3rd]. Notification will be sent out about being away from church during that time.
- Vicky and Gary have been helping with the leak situation at church, which is currently on hold. Leaking does not seem to be occurring in the choir room right now. Roof Right fixed the aluminum on the tower on Monday and replaced a shingle on the roof, as well. More will be discussed at the Trustees meeting.
- Calvin Lucy can absolutely cone on in May. He is wonderful and cares about the church.

UMW: [see notes in this issue (May 2020) of the Wesley Journal]. Question for Rev. Amy about camperships; Rev. Amy said that the BWC and Wesley UMC have opportunities to help provide funds for kids attending church camps. She also said that the Lucy Harrell campership fund recently gave two children scholarships for Manidoken.

Matt Sichel:

- The District Committee on Ministry meeting has been postponed until June. He was able to have one meeting with his candidacy mentor and received a lot of help preparing for the conversation about becoming a Deacon.
- Matt is slowly slogging through the beginning of his doctoral work. He needs to submit his application for the London School of Theology/Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY doctoral program and will hopefully be accepted for the fall. His dissertation and defense would be through the London S. of Th., and he would be assigned supervisors in both KY and London. He would also have residency every year in London.
- All conferences of the UMC are postponed. The BWC will meet for a one-day session for necessary business in September. The General Conference will be held in Minneapolis from 8/24 through 9/10/2021. This is a blessing, in a way; some felt pressed to get the details of the separation hammered out before this year's scheduled General Conference.

Possible date for resuming church services – May 17th.

Upper Room Devotionals: These booklets were brought up during the meeting. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Jess will put them where they normally belong in the downstairs education wing hallway. Denny Rill had offered to mail them out; Jess said that she will send out the email saying that they are first come, first served and that some can be sent out.

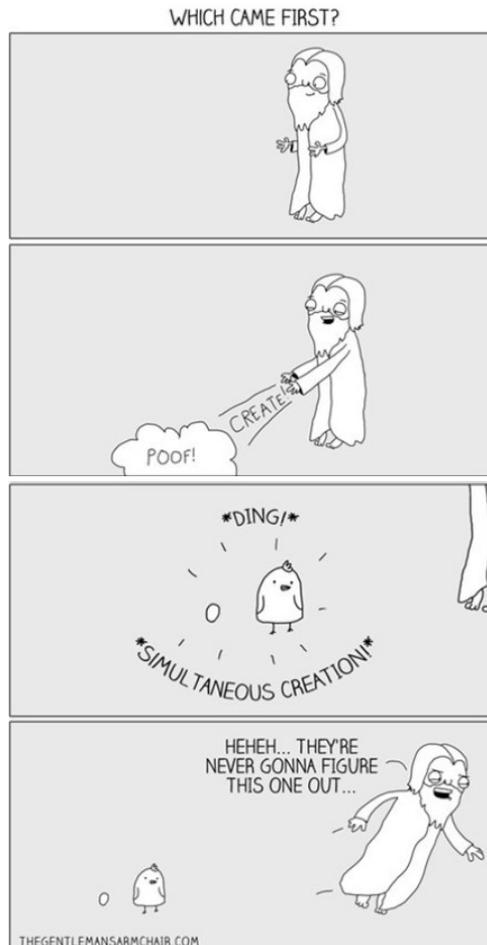
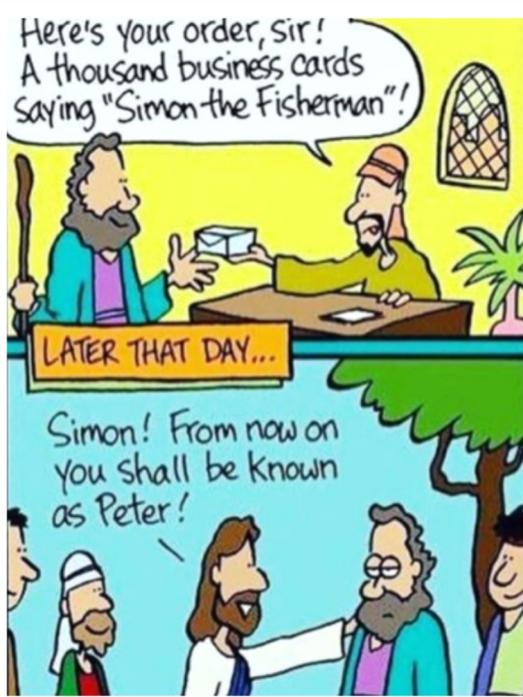
Various things came up at the end of the meeting, such as the church **voice mail**, the date on the **church sign** being changed to TBD, that there were **21 women** at the Women's Sunday School class on 4/19/2020, that the **church building** seemed to be waiting for us to return, that the **Westminster Rescue Mission** is getting ready to open **two substantial programs** (one for women and a transitional sober house with outpatient counseling, etc.), that the **need is greater** for WRM because of COVID-19 (the number one need is to pray!), and that there is an **Amazon wish list** for WRM.

The next Ad. Council meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 2020. Not sure if this will be via Zoom or in person.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:37 PM. *Thank you for our meeting!*

The Funny Pages!

In these uncertain & upsetting Times don't let your worries get the best of you!!! Remember Moses started out as a Basket-case !





MAY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Online 9 AM Women's Sunday School Class (Zoom)	10 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom) 8 PM Rev. Amy's "Fireside Chat" Online 24/7: Self-Paced Liturgy on our Website				1 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	2
3 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube	4	5	6 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM Trustees (Via Zoom) 7 PM	7 Prayer Call via Zoom (& Phone) 1 PM	8 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	9
10 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube 	11	12 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC Executive Committee Meeting (via Zoom) 7 PM	13 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach (via Zoom) 6 PM SPRC (via Zoom) 7:30 PM	14 Prayer Call via Zoom (& Phone) 1 PM	15 June Journal Submissions Due Today! Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	16
17 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube UMW 2 PM (via Zoom)	18	19	20 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	21 Prayer Call via Zoom (& Phone) 1 PM	22 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	23
24 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube	25  Memorial DAY	26	27 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM Administrative Council 7 PM (via Zoom)	28 Book Club (Tentative) 1 PM Prayer Call via Zoom (& Phone) 1 PM	29 Secretary Available (443) 850-4274 1:30 to 3:30 PM	30
31 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube						

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WORSHIP

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*"
Psalm 46:1-2, 7



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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.

May 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" (**which can be via phone or online**) such as Sunday school and meetings. We are also using Facebook, YouTube, and our website to share some virtual worship options, such as online liturgy and songs, Contemporary Worship videos, and Rev. Amy's "Fireside Chats" (**please see the May 2020 calendar on the previous page.**) Here are some places to visit on the web:



Website: www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wesleymc/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCanhRleEAM_OAitMAwIgba

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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