



*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... 5/31/2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

Grace to you, and peace! I pray that all is well with you and those you love in this uncertain and unprecedented time. I am grateful to all of you for being the church during this global pandemic and figuring out new and different ways to worship and serve our Lord, even as we have been largely confined to our homes. Our congregation has demonstrated well that the church is not a building, but rather the people of God. I thank you!

**I** was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (Ps. 122:1)

Many of you have asked when we plan to begin in-person worship again at Wesley United Methodist Church, now that Governor Larry Hogan and Bishop LaTrelle Easterling have allowed churches to do so, although with limited attend-

ance and within specific geographical parameters only. The Executive Committee for our Administrative Council

for Wesley UMC met recently and discussed the matter. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, **we plan to open our doors for in-person worship with an indoor traditional service on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 10 AM.** That said, we wish to convey that this re-opening must be accomplished carefully, with safeguards in place, as follows:

- To enable social distancing, worship attendance will be limited to fifty people (or less) and will require a reservation ahead of time.
- **Registration for your and your family's attendance at the Sunday, June 14, worship service will begin on Monday, June 8.** An email invitation from Sign Up Genius should appear in your email inbox that day (please check your junk/spam folders if you do not receive it). Simply follow the instructions in the email from Sign Up Genius to register. Moving forward, a new Sign Up Genius email invitation will be sent every Monday for the next Sunday of worship. **If you are not currently receiving these emails or do not have access to email, please contact Jess Sichel at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or call the church office at 410-374-4027.**
- We will record worship services for those unable to attend in person.
- A facial mask is required for attendance at in-person worship.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at three entrances to the church building/sanctuary.
- Pews will be marked, indicating where people may or may not sit. Families may sit together.
- As per Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference guidelines, singing indoors is not allowed. Singing releases droplets/particles into the air that can make others sick. Until it is safe to do so, singing will be replaced with music for meditation.
- Bibles and hymnals have been removed from pews, to prevent the handling of them and thus the spreading of germs. [Feel free to bring your own Bible!]

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| Lisa Martin           | Carl Rill          |
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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Rosemarie Sichel, who were married on Friday, May 14, 2020, in a Covid-sized ceremony. May God bless your marriage!  
**Their address is: 11975 Mays Chapel Rd., Lutherville Timonium, MD 21093**

### Updating Your Info.



Please contact **Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary**, by e-mail at **baldor1@comcast.net** or by phone at **410-876-5295** if your name, address, phone number or e-mail address has changed. Feel free to contact her with any other changes you require. Additionally, if you spot an error in the Directory, please let her know so she can correct it.

### Welcome!

Josiah Derek Charles Harrell was born May 25, 2020, to John & Ana Harrell. Charles Harrell is the grandfather and Stanley Harrell is the great grandfather. **Welcome to the world, Josiah!**



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

**Anna Faye Jenkins**  
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**Betty Horner**  
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**Elsie Zumbrun**  
 Sunflower Hill Asst. Living  
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 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.

## Congratulations, Graduates!



**Kaitlyn Davey:** Daughter of George and Jocelyn Davey, Kaitlyn graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science & Technology. Her future plans include working in process technology for McCormick.

**Zachary Evans:** Son of Don and Kathy Evans, Zachary graduated from Towson University with a Major in Psychology and a Minor in Family and Human Services. His future plans are to become a teacher or a police officer and make an impact on the world.

**Zack Hohmes:** Son of Rose and Brad Hohmes, Zack graduated preschool from Little People's Place, and his future plans are to attend Kindergarten this fall.

**Taylor Knatz:** Daughter of Brian and Kathy Knatz, Taylor graduated from Manchester Valley High School. She will attend Carroll Community College in the Fall; her major is undecided.

**Evan Mahosky:** Son of Justin and Angela Mahosky, Evan graduated from Manchester Valley High School and received a Gold Honor Roll medal. He was also the recipient of the Delegate Haven Shoemaker Scholarship. He will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in the Fall, majoring in Computer Science. Evan plans to specialize in Cybersecurity.

**Jonathan Otwell:** Son of Jackie and Matt Otwell, Jon graduated pre-Kindergarten from Little Feet Preschool, and his future plans are to be a paleontologist and "cooker." He will attend elementary school this fall.

**Josh Porterfield:** Son of Toby and Sue and grandson of Joan Porterfield, Josh received his PhD in Chemical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

**Madison Smith:** Daughter of Andy and Stephanie Smith, Madison graduated from Manchester Valley High School. She is planning to attend Carroll Community College in the Fall, then transfer to Towson University. She is pursuing a Nursing degree.

**Storm Smith:** Daughter of Wayde and Susan Smith, Storm graduated in December of 2019 from the University of South Florida with a major in political science. She is currently working in Tampa with a law firm and is applying to law school.

**Claire Taylor:** Daughter of Sam and Sallie Taylor, Claire graduated from Liberty High School. She will attend Carroll Community College in the Fall; her major is undecided.

**Mason Waltrup:** Son of Rick and Laura Waltrup, Mason is graduating from Springdale Preparatory School with a High School Diploma. Mason plans to work at Piney Branch Golf Course, as he has the past three summers, through the autumn. Mason is evaluating a few technical schools for an automotive mechanics program in 2021, as well as possibly enlisting in one of the military branches.

**Andrew Wilmer:** Son of Gary and Vicky Wilmer, Andrew graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, SC, with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Environmental Engineering and minoring in sustainability. Andrew graduated with honors and will begin working in June for S&ME as a project engineer in Charlotte, NC.

**Todd Wilmer:** Son of Gary and Vicky Wilmer, Todd graduated from Clemson University in Clemson, SC, with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Industrial Engineering and minoring in management. Todd graduated with Magna Cum Laude Honors and will begin working for Lockheed Martin in Ocala, FL., in July. He will be working in the missile and fire control division.

**Ellen Amanda Yurgealitis:** Youngest daughter of Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Ellen is graduating from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Care Management. She is currently working full-time as an Admissions Director for Orchard Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Towson, and she is unsure of her future plans as she is "living in the current moment." *Ellen has been working on this degree since 2010, while working full-time (mostly as a waitress), so after ten years, this graduation is extra-special!*



Thank you!! Thank you!! We were able to serve 100 people on Tuesday [May 26th]!!

Thank you to everyone who made wonderful cookies, delicious chicken divan, helped serve, delivered meals or visited with people in the parking lot!! All of you are helping to make a difference in our community. Thank you for those who generously donate. Thank you also to everyone who came out for a meal.

Thank you Wesley and community for being Jesus' hands and feet!!!

***Wesley Outreach [see ad for Takeout Tuesday on pg. 11]***

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We collected 7 boxes of books for the Westminster Rescue Mission Women's Center. Thank you all who donated books. Stay safe and God Bless!

***Wesley Outreach***

***Then...***

What a blessing!! THANK YOU ALL for your generous support! The staff is overwhelmed and so appreciative! We welcome our first few women to the Mission on Monday and look forward to sharing this ministry with you. Many, many thanks!!

***Blessings, Stephanie***

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"How can words convey what the heart feels about your gifts of love except by saying . . . Thank You from The Heart!"

Thank you all for having such big hearts and thoughtfulness to share with us during this time. We do appreciate this week after week. Thank you for the tasty treats.

***Your friends at Long View!***

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous donation of a well-stocked basket of snacks, homemade masks, headbands, and a \$100 gift card to Carroll Hospice. We truly appreciate your support during such an unprecedented time.

At Carroll Hospital and Carroll Hospice, we know that we are only as strong as the power of us: all the donors, volunteers, physicians, clinical team members, associates and patients who care bravely, give bravely and do whatever it takes to make our community healthier. Our caregivers are on the front-line working tirelessly to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) while caring for all of our patients currently in our hospital. We are unsure of what needs may lie ahead, but we are taking steps to be at a state of readiness and our teams are rallying together with every new discovery. We are humbled by those who have reached out to offer help to our teams.

Thank you again for your generosity and for being a part of our Carroll Hospital family. I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy through this trying time.

***Sincerely, Jenn Dennis, Foundation Manager***

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

- Offering plates will not be passed around for the same reason. There will be locations set up in which to place your offering, and these will be clearly marked.
- Communion will take place on the first Sunday of each month. The communion elements will be distributed in unopened packages containing a small cup of grape juice and a wafer.
- If you have a compromised immune system or are sick, please do not attend in-person worship.
- Worship attendance is optional and at your own risk.

While these safeguards may seem cumbersome and even harsh, please know that we take the safety of our congregants and worship participants very seriously and are dedicated to providing a safe worship experience for all. Please note that the above restrictions apply only to worship indoors. [When] contemporary worship takes place outdoors, which we have envisioned as a possibility for the contemporary worship on the alternating summer schedule, we ask that you wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. Bring your own lawn chair if you would like to!

I am looking forward to seeing you all again at Wesley. Please stay safe and be well!

*Yours in the Lord, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill*

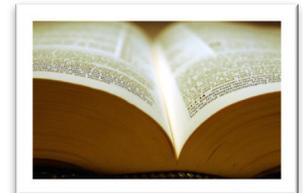
## June Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

**June 7** (Peace with Justice/Trinity Sunday): Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 14:** Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**June 21 (Father's Day):** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**June 28:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



## "VBS in a Box!" Coming Soon...



Like many other things this season, Vacation Bible School will have a different look to it this year. Instead of meeting at the church, Wesley's VBS team will be distributing "VBS in a Box" kits. That way, the kids can learn about God and experience some of the fun of VBS from a safe location.

Keep an eye and an ear out for more information about VBS in a Box!

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

## “A Letter from a Wuhan Pastor”

*Editor's Note: The below letter was written by a Pastor in Wuhan, China, in January of this year. At the time, what that city was experiencing, we had no concept of. Now, we are going through these things ourselves. Now, this letter applies to our own experiences and the past, present, or future experiences of many others in the world. Now, we can pray for the people of the world with more understanding of their plights because we have lived our own. Knowing what we know now because of what we have been through is a blessing that goes beyond surviving a worldwide illness. It is a demonstration of the work of sin all around the world. While we might heal from COVID-19, there are many other things from which we have not yet experienced freedom. Sin itself is a worldwide pandemic. This is starkly evident in the many divisions of our country and the violence that flows freely. We see the tears and pain of those wounded and killed and may feel powerless to stop it. What can we do in the midst of such a difficult, overwhelming situation? I submit that our lessons come from the past few months, during which we have weathered this difficult illness. What can we say we have learned? How shall we now proceed?*



“Brothers and sisters, peace be upon you:

During these past days the Wuhan pneumonia [virus] has been at the center of my thoughts and life. [I am] always watching the latest news, and always thinking about how our family and the church should face this.

As for family, I have gathered masks and foodstuffs and have ventured out of doors as little as possible. When venturing out in public I have worn a mask, but as for the rest, I have placed it in the Lord's hands.

As for the church, the safety of the congregation, a faithful witness, the possibility that members could contract the illness, have all become a great area of struggle. It is readily apparent that we are facing a test of our faith.

The situation is so critical, yet [we are] trusting in the Lord's promises, that his thoughts toward us are of peace, and not evil (Jeremiah. 29:11), and that he allows for a time of testing, not to destroy us, but to establish us. Therefore, Christians are not only to suffer with the people of this city, but we have a responsibility to pray for those in this city who are fearful, and to bring to them the peace of Christ.

First, we are to seek the peace of Christ to reign in their hearts (Hebrews 3:15). Christ has already given us his peace, but his peace is not to remove us from disaster and death, but rather to have peace in the midst of disaster and death, because Christ has already overcome these things (John 14:27, 16:33). Otherwise we have not believed in the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15), and, with the world, would be terrified of pestilence, and lose hope in the face of death.

Why do only Christians have this peace? Because of sin, humans deserve the trials and tribulations that come upon them, Jehovah says: the wicked have no peace (Isaiah 48:22). We were all sinners, but Christ, because of faith, took our penalty and gave us his peace. Therefore Paul says, who can bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (Romans 8:33). Christians may with the world face the same tribulations, but such tribulations are no longer punishment, but a new opportunity to grow nearer to the Almighty, to purify our souls, and an opportunity to proclaim the gospel.

In other words, when disaster strikes us, it is but a form of God's love. And, as Paul firmly believed, “who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger or sword? . . . in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am sure that neither

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## "A Letter from a Wuhan Pastor" (*Continued*)

death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Roman. 8:35-39).

Spoken for today, Wuhan's pestilence cannot separate us from the love of Christ; this love is in our Lord Jesus Christ. These words are so comforting for us, we have already become one body with Christ. We have a part in his sufferings, and we have a part in his glory, all of Christ's is ours, and our all is Christ's. Therefore, Christ is with us as we face the pestilence in this city; the pestilence cannot harm us. If we die in the pestilence, it is an opportunity to witness to Christ, and even more to enter into his glory.

Thus, my brothers and sisters, I encourage you to be strong in Christ's love. If we more deeply experience death in this pestilence, understanding the gospel, we may more deeply experience Christ's love, and grow ever nearer to God. Our Lord Jesus through faith experienced an incomparable suffering of death, yet God raised him from the dead, and sat him at his right hand. (Acts 2:32-36)

If in reading these truths you still have no peace, I encourage you to diligently read the above cited scripture and call on the Lord to give you insight until the peace of Christ reigns in your heart. You must know, that this is not just an observable disaster, but even more it is a spiritual struggle. You should first wage a battle for your heart, and secondarily battle for the soul of this city.

We earnestly hope that you would know that not a sparrow falls without the will of the Father (Matthew [10:29](#)). With so many souls facing pestilence, can it be outside God's will? All that we are experiencing, is it not like Abraham facing Sodom, and Jonah facing Nineveh?...You see, Jonah with difficulty proclaimed the gospel to Nineveh, and Nineveh repented and was saved. We are this city's Abraham and Jonah. We must pray for God's mercy upon this city, and bring peace upon this city through our prayers and testimony.

I believe this is the command of God calling those of us living in Wuhan. We are to seek peace for this city, seek peace for those who are afflicted with this illness, seek peace for the medical personnel struggling on the front lines, seek peace for every government official at every level, seek peace for all the people of Wuhan! And we can through online networks guide and comfort our friends and loved ones with the gospel, reminding them that our lives are not in our own hands, and to entrust their lives to God who is faithful and true.

The past few days I have received many inquiries from foreign pastors. They and the whole church are concerned for this city, even more for us; and confronting this epidemic, seek to serve the city with us.

Thus, I especially ask them to turn their eyes upon Jesus. And do not be concerned with my welfare, nor be agitated or fearful, but pray in the name of Jesus. Good hearted people are through their actions serving this city, especially the medical personnel who are risking their own lives. If they can take on such worldly responsibilities, how can we not more readily take on spiritual responsibilities!

If you do not feel a responsibility to pray, ask the Lord for a loving soul, an earnestly prayerful heart; if you are not crying, ask the Lord for tears. Because we surely know that only through the hope of the Lord's mercy will this city be saved. "

A Wuhan Pastor  
January 23, 2020

*This letter was passed on to [ChinaSource.org](https://www.chinasource.org/resource-library/chinese-church-voices/wuhan-pastor-pray-with-us/) for distribution. You may find this resource at <https://www.chinasource.org/resource-library/chinese-church-voices/wuhan-pastor-pray-with-us/>*

## “Leading in an Age of Political Polarization”

In times like these, most of us are called to lead in some way, whether in our families, our communities, our government, and so forth. David Brubaker says the following in the article, “Leading in an age of Political Polarization:”

“Leading in a polarized environment requires a very different set of skills. While thoughtful leaders normally want to plan a process, form a team, and work for consensus, patience with process and finding consensus will be elusive in a polarized environment. The twin temptations of leaders in a polarized context are either to take a side (fight) or to run from the fray (flee). But there is a third way beyond flight or fight for leaders caught in the web of polarized relationships. It requires clarity, compassion, courage, and connection.

**Read more about the third way to be a leader in today’s times here:**

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/leading-in-an-age-of-political-polarization/>

## NESAP Corner

The NESAP store is OPEN!! Its temporary hours are Monday through Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM for shopping and donations. There is currently a large selection of bikes for all ages. The store is also running sales on other in-store items....stop by today. (Please call before dropping off donations: 410-374-9099.)

NESAP's mission is to help others in our community when they need a hand up. Many are hurting right now. Remember that all money generated from the thrift store stays local. If you or anyone you know needs assistance—a hand up in this trying time—call 410-239-6216. God Bless!

If you would like to donate financially to NESAP, please mail your contribution to:

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



You can also donate online through our Wesley UMC Online Giving page:

[www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/online-giving.html](http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/online-giving.html)

### NESAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| • Canned potatoes | • Beets         | • Cereal       | • Canned fruit      |
| • Canned carrots  | • Mixed veggies | • Oatmeal      | • Dish detergent    |
| • Jell-O          | • Helper        | • Juice        | • Laundry detergent |
| • Pudding         | • Canned meats  | • Jelly        | • Bar soap          |
| • Canned pasta    | • Soups         | • Canned beans |                     |

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

#### NESAP Contact Information:

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## Happy Father's Day!! Honoring Our Fathers...



The Outreach Committee will be honoring our fathers on Father's Day by making a donation to the Westminster Rescue Mission, helping our community recover from difficult circumstances. We would like to wish all of the men of the congregation a "Happy Father'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.

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

**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:**

Trivia Night—in June

Gentle Yoga—in June

Memory Writing—June 12<sup>th</sup>

Yoga for Everyone—in June

LOTS of story times

**New in June:**

**Craft classes on Mondays**

**Ask a Master Gardener on Tuesdays**

**The Power of Self-Compassion Course or Deep Relaxation Class on Wednesdays**

**Book clubs and Book talks**

**Go to the Carroll County Public Library Website and click on Calendar of Events.** Do some browsing and try new things!

*"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." Philipians 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***

## Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



Good Reads &  
Conversation

The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church! Read a book, share a meal, have a discussion! The meetings are as follows:

- ↪ The June selection is ***One Tuesday Morning*** by Karen Kingsbury. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, at 12 PM in "Reenie's Garage."
- ↪ The July selection is the June book's sequel: ***Beyond Tuesday Morning*** by Karen Kingsbury. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, at 12 PM.
- ↪ The August selection will be ***One Day in December*** by Josie Silver. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, at 12 PM.

*For September, the group will plan accordingly.*

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

## Notes from the United Methodist Women

6 women attended our meeting via Zoom on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

We had 2 people that had trouble connecting to the meeting via Zoom. 1 was able to connect and the other unable; we will work to see how this happened to correct for future connections.

Both our April 2020 UMW meeting minutes and treasurers' reports were reviewed and accepted.

We discussed our budget ~ reported that we have less money this year than we had this time last year. Because the church was closed due to the coronavirus outbreak and the church supper could not take place, we did not have our baked table and auction fundraiser funds to count for any extra special needs that we could normally support. Our budget balance is on track to meet our designated mission givings for the year.

Wesley UMW will be giving graduation cards and gifts to this years' Wesley 2020 graduates. Please keep the following graduates in your prayers for their future success [additional graduates have been added to this list since it was received; please see the graduate section on page 3]:

Todd Wilmer  
Andrew Wilmer  
Madison Smith  
Taylor Knatz  
Mason Waltrup  
Evan Mahosky  
Claire Taylor

We will meet again on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm via Zoom connection. It was decided that we would not have our annual UMW June dinner due to the coronavirus outbreak and the need to keep our social distancing in check.

***Brenda Hess***

## Outreach Committee Minutes • May 13, 2020



In attendance: Jan Kurtz,

Davona Palmer, Vicky Wilmer, Cindy Myatt, Janet Martin, Kim Peake, Linda Yost, Rev. Amy, Connie Wiegel

### Treasurer's Report

Spent \$300

1. \$100 for Westminster Rescue Mission group
2. \$100 for Long View Nursing Center
3. \$100 in for Women's Center in honor of Mother's Day

### Takeout Tuesday Meal

1. About 90 meals served
2. Huge success
3. Lots of positive feedback
4. People want to help



**Masks:** Provided for Westminster Rescue Mission and church members

### Outreach to Medical Community

1. Carroll Hospital Center
2. Golden Crest in Hampstead
3. Dove House
4. Longview Nursing Home — Provided snack bars about once every week or so
5. Fire Department— Hampstead, Upperco, Manchester

### Outreach to NESAP

1. Collecting food and supplies
2. Drop off at the Wilmer's
3. Store donations start on Thursdays 9-2

### Outreach to our Wesley Community

1. Contacting our members
2. Meals provided to Bob Gunnarson

### Outreach to Rescue Mission

1. Books - 11 boxes of books were collected for women's shelter
2. The women's shelter now has two clients with more coming
3. Halfway house will be opening soon

### Rummage Sale

1. Will wait until summer to decide if we will have it in the fall
2. Will store things in the garage and the parsonage for now

**Next Meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup> [via Zoom]**

Takeout Tuesdays are for everyone!  
Need some friendly (masked)  
faces or a meal? Come on by!  
Here's the info for June 9:



Need a FREE meal for the family?

## TAKEOUT TUESDAY

Tuesday June 9, 2020 5:00-6:30pm

**Where:** 3239  
Carrollton Rd  
Hampstead, MD

**Menu:** Chicken  
Parmesan, Green  
Bean, Macaroni and  
Cheese, Cake

## Administrative Council Minutes • May 27, 2020

The meeting began at 7:15 PM via Zoom (there were technical issues with our Zoom call at the beginning).

**Attendees:** Pam Phillips (Chairperson), Jessica Sichel, Brenda Kennedy, Brenda Hess, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Matthew Sichel, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Laura Waltrup, Reenie Harris, Dennis Rill, John Sies, Sandy Cole, Laura Waltrup, Linda Hollman, Davona Palmer, and Janet Martin.

**Takeout Tuesday Dinner** [yesterday]: Went very well (103 to 104 people were served).

**Devotions** were offered by Pam Phillips. She used words from "Devotions from the Front Porch" and based on Mark 10:22.

### Finance:

- Our checking account balance is doing well.
- The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan/Grant has provided around \$27,000. The loan is forgiven/considered a grant if we can prove that 75% or more is for payroll and the remainder is spent on utilities. We must use the loan during an 8-week period or return the monies left over.
- Our liabilities continue to be low.
- Our income is pretty healthy at this time.
- Our expenses are down in the payroll area because of Stephanie's resignation last year. There is an increase in the cost of utilities because of a timing issue (we are no longer on budget billing). Operating expenses are up because we have been billed for insurance (last year, we were not billed at the same YTD). Program expenses are down, as are Seminary Expenses (no cost is being incurred at the moment). Conference expenses are on the nose, and Maintenance and Repair expenses are up to some degree.
- As of April 30th, things are going fine. Our giving is pretty consistent, while our operating expenses are down.

### SPRC:

- We have received a request to vote on an \$1,850 raise for Rev. Amy. The District Superintendent, Rev. Ann LaPrade, has been contacted; she said that she will check on procedure. She did say that if the Administrative body gives our approval, we will need a charge conference (Linda Yost stated that some clarification will be needed).

**This came to the Administrative Council as a motion from committee (SPRC). The floor was opened for questions; there were none. The vote was as follows: 0 "Nay," 14 "In Favor," 3 "Abstain."**

- Raises for staff (Jan Graf, Jessica Sichel, and Rose Hohmes) were also raised as a notification to the Ad. Council Board. The raise is to be a salary increase of approximately 3%. Also, two new positions have been created (Contemporary Worship Leader), which Lana Montgomery and Lisa Kemp have filled. They have been operating as volunteers since the beginning of the year; both have really stepped up during COVID-19. The SPRC will be paying them \$5,500 per person for their work; 2020 payment will begin as of March 2020.

There was some discussion about these items. Q: Why is the per annum amount for Calvin different from the 2020 expense for John and Calvin? A: Calvin's rate is different; he is in a different situation (one reason being that John was a Sexton, whereas Calvin is a custodian), and because John was being paid for the first few months of 2020, the total yearly expense for 2020 is higher than that anticipated for 2021. Q: How much do we have to pay back on the PPP loan? A: This is not yet known. Part of the answer depends on tonight's vote. Rev. Amy's salary would be prorated back to January.

Also discussed was the idea of paying Lisa and Lana back to January 2020. We have until June 12th as the timeline for PPP payment. The question was asked as to whether we wanted to make a motion to pay Lisa and Lana back through January if monies remain from the PPP. This was dismissed with an objection. There was some concern that this was bending the rules/sprit of the PPP too much.

**Instead of approving these SPRC actions as a combined vote, which was originally initiated, the vote was changed to approve raises for staff (Jan Graf, Jessica Sichel, and Rose Hohmes) first, then approve the actions regarding Lisa and Lana. The first vote (salary increases for the three staff) was as follows: 0 "Nay," 16 "In Favor," 1 "Abstain." The**

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**second vote (for Lisa and Lana) was as follows: 0 "Nay," 17 "In Favor," 0 "Abstain."**

- Also raised was the approval of Calvin as our custodian. At first, it was thought that this had already been handled by the Administrative Council, but after checking previous minutes, the Recording Secretary (Jess Sichel) indicated that Calvin had not been voted upon. The Ad. Council rectified this right away after notification.

**The motion to approve Calvin's position and salary as Custodian (with duties such as snow removal reducing the position from that of Sexton) was brought from committee. It was noted that there is no plan to hire a Sexton at this time. No other discussion was held. The vote was as follows: 0 "Nay," 17 "In Favor," 0 "Abstain."**

**Outreach:** Minutes were sent out prior to tonight's meeting. Davona Palmer added that the meal program (Takeout Tuesdays) is a success and a great blessing. She offered thanks to all who have participated. Thanks were also given for book donations, facemasks, and everything folks have been doing.

#### **Christian Education:**

- "VBS in a Box:" The originally scheduled VBS program was "Rocky Mountain Railroad." However, after Linda Yost talked with Jen Ejk, they decided it would be better to redo a VBS from six years ago instead of use the new one that would be great to have in person. The theme would be "Go Fish." We have some of the materials for this. Another Zoom call will be held in a couple of weeks. VBS in a Box will be distributed at the end of June/early July. Perhaps we can have folks pick them up at a Takeout Tuesday. It was also suggested that we have a separate set up in the parking lot or something else along those lines. John Sies asked if any supplies were needed; Linda said that she would let John and us know.
- There will not be Sunday School in the summer [as usual].

#### **Rev. Amy:**

- The church will be "reopening" on June 14th [10 AM]. This will be a once a week opening for worship, NOT a full reopening. There are parameters for reopening, such as a 50-person maximum at worship, facemasks, social distancing, and no singing. A letter will be emailed/sent out with the details. Virtual Worship will still be available. The June 14th service will be a Traditional Worship Service [Trad. And Contemporary services will alternate over the summer, as usual.] Q: Can the Contemporary service be outside? Social distancing could be maintained and no masks would be needed. Rev. Amy later asked what was allowed outside.
- Graduate Sunday (also see UMW section) was originally decided to be June 14th, but the date was changed to June 21st (Father's Day) to allow for more space at an outdoor contemporary service. Graduates could wear their caps and gowns, and perhaps the contemporary worship team could play "Pomp and Circumstance."
- Prayer Call: The participation in the Thursday afternoon prayer call has not been very strong at all. Rev. Amy will give it one more chance on Thursday to see if the attendees increase at all.
- Phillip Daugherty has asked if a September 15th wedding would be possible for him and his fiancé, Emma. Rev. Amy advised to keep watching the news and limit attendance. Rev. Amy is not sure whether the Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell or she will be officiating.
- Rev. Amy will be doing her written and oral comprehensive exams, both of which are due in June.
- At this time, we will be continuing with Zoom meetings, not meeting in people's homes. There are exceptions to this, such as the Book Club meeting. Basically, if the meetings are church [business] related, they should be held online due to cleaning concerns.
- We will also have a video recording each week of our service; those details are still being worked out. Right now, the suggestion is to use Facebook Live with a selfie stick. Jason Montgomery can use "Premier" to help with that. The ultimate goal is to livestream and use our regular sound system. We do not yet have a media person to orchestrate all of this [which we would love to have!] Digital cameras or camcorders are recommended.
- Attendance at our virtual worship opportunities is not being recorded. Analytics of some sort are available for the most part.

#### **Trustees:**

- The Trustees have been meeting and are happy that Takeout Tuesday is doing well.
- The floors have been cleaned and waxed by Phillip and Roger Daugherty, who have also donated cleaners and mops.

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They went above and beyond. Roger and Calvin have been and/or should be speaking with regard to the cleaning process. Pam Phillips requested that Trustees update the congregation on cleaning procedures.

- No leaking has been reported. The problem in the Choir Room is no longer a problem at this point. The mold that was there was bleached down a while ago, and Roger found no evidence of it. There is a hold on the diversion of water from the roof.
- Robert Kirby, Scoutmaster for our Scout Troop, asked about mulching and starting meetings at the church. Mulching and meetings indoors are a “no;” weeding at the parsonage and outdoor meetings should be possible.
- Chet Phillips and Stephanie and Meredith Smith took down the large tree branch [at the parsonage] that had been an issue recently (BGE also dealt with the tree). [Thank you, Chet, Stephanie, and Meredith!]

**UMW:** See meeting minutes in the June 2020 issue of The Wesley Journal. UMW is coordinating celebration of grads (grads must RSVP [see Rev. Amy’s letter] and no singing will be allowed indoors.) Lana and Lisa should be involved in the discussion of grads. Also, there will be a letter sent to the graduates. More discussion was held as to recording and projecting onto a screen as well as rain/the possibility of rain.

**General Conference** will be held 8/29-9/7/2021 in Minnesota. The Protocol for Separation appears to have the votes to pass. Bishops scheduled to retire or move on 7/1/2021 will hold their positions until General Conference.

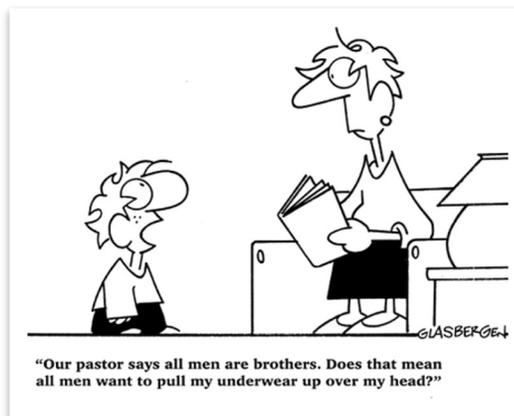
**Book Club:** The Book Club will meet tomorrow in Reenie Harris’ garage. Participants will eat there and possibly move outside depending on the weather. Not sure how things will work with the libraries being closed (regarding book availability to Book Club participants.)

Churchwide “News and Notes” emails are reported as being received.

Rev. Amy closed in prayer at 8:37 PM.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary*

## The Funnies!





# JUNE 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	3 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Trustees (via Zoom) 7 PM	4	5 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	6
7 Virtual Worship Online Via Facebook Group, Website, and YouTube	8 <i>Register for Worship! (6/14 Worship Service)</i>	9 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	10 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach (via Zoom) 6 PM SPRC (via Zoom) 7:30 PM	11	12 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	13
14 <i>Reopening:</i> 10 AM Traditional Worship Service Livestreaming Online	15 <i>Register for Worship! (6/21 Worship Service) July/August Journal Submissions Due Today!</i>	16 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	17 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	18	19 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	20
21 <i>Graduate Sunday Father's Day</i> 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service Livestreaming Online UMW 2 PM (via Zoom)	22 <i>Register for Worship! (6/28 Worship Service)</i>	23 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	24 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Administrative Council 7 PM (via Zoom)	25 Book Club 12 PM at "Reenie's Garage"	26 Office Call-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	27
28 10 AM Traditional Worship Service Livestreaming Online	29 <i>Register for Worship! (7/5 Worship Service)</i>	30 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC				
			<p><b>Summer Schedule:</b> Beginning June 14, worship Services will be in-person at Wesley UMC. There will be one service at 10 AM, which will alternate each week between Traditional and Contemporary styles.</p> <p>The service will be live-streamed for those unable to participate in-person.</p>			

## SCHEDULE OF



## 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.**

## How to Be Prepared for Returning to Church on June 14 (See Inside for More Details):

- DO:** Register your plans to attend each Monday via Sign-Up Genius or phone call
- DO:** Bring your Bible!
- DO:** Wear your facemask
- DO:** Bring a lawn chair for outdoor Contemporary Worship Services
- DO:** Use hand sanitizer when you arrive and when leaving
- DO:** Stay 6 feet apart
- DO:** Stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness (and use our online virtual worship options!)
- DO:** Carefully decide if you are at risk, and if so, seriously consider staying home and worshipping online (We don't want anyone to become ill!)
- DO:** Praise God for each other and for being with us through these difficult times. Alleluia!



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