



THE WESLEY JOURNAL

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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...

"Wanted: A Few Good Christians"

I am not sure if the U.S. Marine Corps still uses the slogan, "Wanted: A Few Good Men" (or not), but I have always found the billboards that feature the men (and women) of this branch of the armed forces compelling. It brings to mind the idea that getting into the Marines is never easy and that it takes great fortitude to be among those who have been proven worthy of declaring, "Semper Fi."

It is a work we take seriously, and it is not for the faint of heart, especially lately.

As we move into the summer months, I find myself looking ahead to autumn. Every year, in preparation for our annual Charge Conference, I am faced with the task of convening the Wesley United Methodist Church Committee on Lay Leadership. In a process

couched in prayer, we ask the Lord to help us discern together who would be suitable for leading our church in the upcoming calendar year. It is a work we take seriously, and it is not for the faint of heart, especially lately. I am not good at "beating around the bush" or "sugar-coating" my words, so I am going to put it out there. Wesley United Methodist Church is in a *leadership crisis*. Right now, and despite our best efforts in Fall of 2019, we have three women leading just about every committee in our church. Were it not for Linda Yost, Pam Phillips and Laura Waltrup, our church would flounder. If I could put up a billboard in the middle of our church parking lot, their pictures would be on it, and the slogan would read, "Wanted: A Few Good Christians."

This past Administrative Council meeting really brought the issue home to me. Efforts to find church members willing to assist with I.T. left us realizing that we were probably going to need to hire someone to help us with this work, since no one volunteered when asked. In fact, only one person answered the call to help, and that person politely refused. Folks, I am going to wear my heart on my sleeve for a minute here and put out a major plea. Wesley is not a mega-church that can afford to hire people when the laity are unwilling to serve. Nor should we have to pay for every job that needs to be done. Serving the Lord and the church we love is something that should come from our hearts. We are disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to demonstrate that God's Kingdom is at hand. Is there anything more important?

If there is anything that 2020 is teaching us, it is that life is precious. It can be snuffed out in an instant. Our lives on this earth are less than the blink of an eye in the grand scheme of eternal time. In the words of an old hymn, "Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me..." The church stands as a beacon of hope in a dark time, but it takes more than a few women to run it.

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- July BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 John Redding, Jr.
 - 2 Zack Hohmes
 - 4 Greg Wiegel
 - 5 Logan Deane
 - 6 Breiah Graf
 - 8 Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill
 - 10 Jonathon Otwell

- 14 Wayne Horner
- 16 Leah Schaefer
- 19 Melissa Phillips Jones
- 20 Charles "Chip" Weaver
- 24 Rose Sichel
- 25 Courtney Horner
- 25 Laura Hollman Zilberman
- 27 Kaitlyn O'Bryne
- 28 Rowan Smith
- 30 Barbara Sater
- 31 Mackenzie Weaver

- 2 George & Jocelyn Davey
- 4 Chuck & Linda Hollman
- 10 Charlie & Carol O'Bryne
- 17 Jim & Nanette Lishman
- 18 Chet & Pam Phillips
- 23 Dan (Jr.) & Lindsey Baumiller
- 29 Roy & Belinda Rill
- Darwin & Pat Sater



- August BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Leo Smith
 - 3 Phillip Daugherty
 - Laura Miller
 - Olivia Zachman
 - 4 Evan Thompson
 - Vicky Wilmer
 - 5 Martha Harris
 - Michael Hughes, Jr.
 - Davona Palmer
 - 6 Lyla Montgomery
 - Dean Sies
 - 9 Emmitt Green
 - Angela Mahosky
 - Storm Smith
 - 12 Preston Reilly
 - 13 Stanley Harrell
 - Reenie Harris

- Mike Sichel
- 15 Pat Daugherty
- Isaac Sichel
- 16 Selena Brewer
- Craig Williams
- 18 Stacey Stauffer
- 19 Jason Montgomery
- 20 Gordon Benson
- 21 Debi Chaney
- Stacey Graf
- 22 Philip Peake
- Thomas Smith
- 24 Serita Kuhn
- 26 Ellen Yurgealitis
- 28 Brad Hohmes
- Lisa Kemp
- 29 Carson Jansson
- Garrett Martin
- Taylor Martin
- Trisha Sater
- 31 Peggy Horner



- 1 Michael & Lisa Martin
- 5 Philip & Kim Peake
- 6 Donald & Kathe Lippy
- 7 Gordon & Brenda Benson
- 12 Wilson & Patricia Harris
- 13 Matthew & Darilyn Thompson
- 21 Jonathan & Linda Yost
- 30 Alex & Megan Myatt



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.



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

Anna Faye Jenkins
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Hampstead, MD 21074

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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*)

I urge you to spend this summer searching your hearts and minds, asking yourself how God is calling you to serve Wesley Church. If you are asked to do the work of God this fall, consider saying yes, instead of no. Good Christians who are worthy of proclaiming "always faithful" are needed desperately here. Enjoy your summer.

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



An Additional Graduate to Celebrate!



In the June issue of The Wesley Journal, we left out a Wesley graduate, so we now present to you Miss Callie Houck!

Callie Houck: Daughter of Whitney and the late Nina Houck, Callie graduated from Manchester Valley High School. She plans to attend Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, to study business administration and minor in social entrepreneurship. Callie's many awards include: Hampstead Merchants Association Scholarship, Manchester Area Merchants Association Scholarship, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen's Public Service Award, National Honors Society Scholarship Semi Finalist, National Honors Society top 10 service award, Governor's Merit Scholarship, President's Education Award, Principle's Challenge Award, and the Leonard Bernstein Musicianship Award.

Congratulations and many blessings on your future endeavors, Callie!

July/August Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

July 5: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

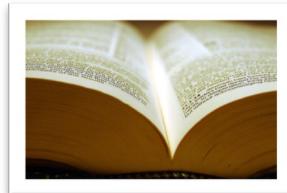
August 2: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 23: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 30: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28





Many thanks to another great Wesley team, Cindy and Clay Myatt! Together they pick up, deliver, organize, and provide for others, always with willingness and warm smiles. How blessed we are to have them as part of our Wesley family!

Reports from Takeout Tuesdays...

June 3: *Thank you to everyone who helped make last night's meal a huge success. We served 106 meals last night. What a blessing! Way to go Wesley and the community. Keep letting Jesus' love shine through!! Love can and will replace hate and fear!*

June 10: *Wow!! What a powerful Lord we serve!! Last night, Wesley Church and Community served 141 suppers!!! The largest yet!! Thank you to the many hands that prepared the food, the hands that serve it, the people who delivered the meals, the people who prayed for this ministry and all those who enjoyed the meal!!!! Even though our parents' physical building has been closed these many months, our church is still open and active!! Praise God for his abundant blessings!!*

June 17: *What a great night! We were able to share 100 meals with our neighbors and friends last night. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. It is great to see Wesley actively being Jesus' hands and feet! ☩ Praise the Lord!!!*

June 24: *Thank you to everyone who came out last night. We beat the rain!!! Thank you to everyone who helped to serve 89 delicious dinners last night!! God is at work at Wesley Church!!!*

"NESAP Mission Statement—In Christian love, to provide crisis assistance to individuals and families with their physical, financial and emotional needs as an extension of the ministries of our congregations and to proactively partner clients and professionals in our community for continued education, working toward self sufficiency."

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church,

I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your support to help our neighbors in need during this very difficult time. When you donate to North East Social Action Program (NESAP) you are helping families and individuals with a hand up so that they can continue working toward self sufficiency. Thanks to your generous gift we didn't have to turn anyone away that knocked on our door. We were able to stay open and serve those in need in our local community. IN the first three months of 2020, NESAP was able to provide clothing, food, housing, medical, transportation and utility assistance to individuals and families, fulfilling 490 service requests totaling \$39,850.77 in financial assistance and 856 bags of groceries.

Thanks to you and the other generous donors NESAP was able to do God's work as it has since 1984. Here is a note we received demonstrating how your donation impacted a mother in our local community as she navigated through this most recent health and economic crisis.

"NESAP was there to provide assistance at my most vulnerable time. They helped me in this time of crisis so that I could focus on being there for my kids. Thank you for the hand up! ~ Grace"

¹ John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Thank you for loving with actions!

Blessings, Donn Dietrich, Executive Director (NESAP)

"Thank You's Continued..."

"Your Awesomeness is Only Exceeded by your Amazingness." "Thanks for Being So Kind!!"

"Your support means the world—Laura." "Thank you for your kind generosity! - Jane." "Thank you! - Jen G." "Thank you! - Gail." "Thank you! - Paula." "Thank you so very much! Reggie." "Thank you! - Cindy." "Thanks for your support! - Candace."

Carroll Hospice

"Thank You." "You are just too kind and it is so appreciated!"

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for taking your time and showing us thoughts of appreciation. It is great that our community is here for us during these times. It's the little things that make our day. Thank you for thinking about us with your acts of kindness.

"I will sing unto the L O R D as long as I live. Psalm 104:33"

All of us here at Long View!

"The Least of These Ministries"

These are different times.

Thankfully, God remains steadfast: "I the LORD do not change..." (Malachi 3:6).



Just as our lives have been jarred by the Coronavirus pandemic, people all over the world are having to live their lives differently today than they did a few months ago. The Dominican Republic's economy—like ours—has taken a huge hit as the tourism industry has basically been shut down and small businesses all over the country have been closed to allow for quarantining. In the bateys where our ministry serves, many of the small number of people who had steady jobs are now unemployed.

Food costs in the country are rising, and there are expectations of shortages of some items. We have begun purchasing rice and beans two months ahead in anticipation of both price increases and shortages. At the same time, we anticipate a short-term increase in the number of families needing food assistance as a result of job losses. Our staff will work with their contacts in each batey to address the needs as they arise.

All of us have been impacted in some way by this worldwide health crisis. We continue to trust that God will care for and provide for the needs of each one of us. Many in the bateys are also trusting God to provide. Still others, who haven't yet come to trust in God's provision, are fearful of what the future holds. It is our prayer that we can continue to be a source of nutritious food for all of these families during this time, while also being a witness for God's love to those who do not know Him.

If you are able, will you donate today to help us ensure we are able to stay ahead of the need in the bateys? Donations can be offered through the Wesley UMC website <http://www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/online-giving.html> or by mailing your gift marked "Pandemic Relief" on the check: "The Least of These Ministries, P.O. Box 2824, Westminster, MD 21158-7824." Thank you!



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30, 2020!



Come join us under the shade of the trees in the parsonage immediately following the worship service. **Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks** will be provided. Please bring a **side dish or dessert** to share. Also, bring a **lawn chair or blanket**. There will be **games** and **fun** for all.

To sign up to attend, please contact Vicky Wilmer by phone at (443) 340-7703 or by email at wilmervicky@gmail.com. You may also contact the church office at (443) 850-4274 or wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

Come and bring the entire family!



Help Us Donate to Your Church.

Small donations from a committed congregation make a difference.

The Aero Energy House of Worship Program is a donation program established by Aero Energy to provide Aero Energy customers an opportunity to give to their churches. If 100 Aero Energy customers from our congregation sign up to participate, our church could receive an annual \$3,000.00 donation (*based on 750 gal/year average fuel use per participant*).

COMMON QUESTIONS:

1. If I become a House of Worship Program participant, will I pay more for my fuel?

No, you pay the same price per gallon you're paying now. This is a donation from Aero Energy to the church. Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel you use, that is all.

2. Does my church need to use propane gas or heating oil to receive the donation?

No.

3. Does my church need to be an Aero Energy customer in order to receive the Aero Energy House of Worship Program donation?

No, but they are welcome to use Aero Energy and receive four cents in donations for every gallon of fuel they use.

Sign up for the Aero Energy House of Worship Program online
at AeroEnergy.com/HOW or call 888-827-1713.

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 will be held at Reenie's home and are as follows:

- ↳ 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.*

NESAP Corner

The NESAP store is OPEN!! Its temporary hours are Monday through Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM for shopping and donations. 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,
you can also donate online through our Wesley UMC Online Giving page:
www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org/online-giving.html



NESAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- 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.

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

Library Notes

Hooray, we are all getting out a bit more. While we may not yet be visiting our church library, we hope that very soon that will be the case again. 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:

- **Summer Reading Program**—this is the library's summer program where you can record pages of books or minutes that you have read along with completing activities. The activities are fun to do alone or with family. There are badges and raffle prizes to earn.
- 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:
 - ↳ What's Cookin' Taneytown? — Saturdays
 - ↳ Tuesday Tales with Miss Kayla — Tuesdays
 - ↳ Relaxation classes
 - ↳ Gardening and Bee classes
 - ↳ LOTS of story times — every day!!
 - ↳ Medicare classes

Go to the Carroll County Public Library Website and click on Calendar of Events: <https://library.carr.org/>

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." 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

Outreach Committee Minutes • June 10, 2020

In attendance: Jan Kurtz, Davona Palmer, Vicky Wilmer, Cindy Myatt, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Kim Peake, Connie Wiegel, Pam Phillips, Rev. Amy, Stephanie Smith

Treasurer's Report: \$3,056.52 current balance

Takeout Tuesday Meals

- 141 meals provided this week
- New people came
- This coming week — Baked Ziti, Salad, Cookies, Bread
- Been a blessing for many people

Takeout Tuesdays are
for everyone! Need
some friendly (masked)
faces or a meal?
Come on by!

Rummage Sale

- Still waiting to decide about whether to hold it; will look at it later this summer

Church Picnic on August 30

- Outreach will provide paper goods and condiments
- UMM will cook
- Potluck desserts and salads and side dishes

NESAP Back to School: Linda will check with them

Masks

- We will have a box of masks in the back of the church for people to take with them.
- Cherie asked for masks for some employees

Outreach to Medical Community

- Carroll Hospital Center
- Golden Crest in Hampstead: Gave a basket/hand lotion donation to Golden Crest. Linda Hollman is bringing things.
- Dove House
- Longview Nursing Home: Still bringing snacks. Nice donation of hand lotion; gave a large basket.
- Fire Department- Hampstead, Upperco, Manchester: Snacks provided

Outreach to NESAP

- Collecting food and supplies
- Open 10-3
- Food donations can be brought from 10-3 no need to call ahead. Please call before dropping off donations other than food (410-374-9099)

Outreach to our Wesley Community

- Contacting our members
- Meals: Meals being provided weekly to Bob Gunnarsson. Set up through June. He says it is a huge help to him along with the Tuesday night meals.

Outreach to Rescue Mission

- Books donated; will continue to accept books
- Faith Feast – we don't know when it will open again.

Social Justice coordinator

- Should we have someone to help people keep track of things in the community?



Administrative Council Minutes • June 24, 2020

The meeting began at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Attendees: Pam Phillips (Chairperson), Jessica Sichel, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Matthew Sichel, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Laura Waltrup, Lisa Kemp, Dennis Rill, John Sies, and Vicky Wilmer.

Rev. Amy shared a **devotion** based on Moses' request to be passed over because of his lack of eloquence and God's direction to him. Exodus 4:10-16.

Outreach (highlights; please see full report in this issue of The Wesley Journal):

- **Takeout Tuesday**—89 people were served. Different people came. The Horners gave lettuce. People donate; lots of people are helping. It is involving the community and the church. At this time, the donations are funding the meal.
- **Church Picnic**—The church picnic will be held on August 30, 2020. We will need to know the number of people ahead of time. Men will take care of getting the meat.
- **Back-to-School**—waiting for word. NESAP/Pat Murphy still waiting for schools to decide. Some churches are sending just money.

Trustees: Linda Yost

- The Parsonage A/C is not working. Carroll Harris will be coming early next week.
- There is a new dehumidifier in the choir room that runs 24/7. It has made a noticeable difference.
- Wesley changed from Shipley to Aero for heating oil; later, we will shift to Aero for Propane. ****Any church member who uses Aero fuel can have \$0.04/gallon for the year donated to Wesley. Also, the church gets a credit back. **** [For information about Aero, please contact the church office.]
- The cemetery will pay for the 2020 mowing.
- The Trustees are investigating the Fellowship Hall flooring regarding moisture and new tile.
- The remotes for the new Air Conditioning units in the Education Wing need to be in sync with each other (e.g., they all need to be in "cool" mode). [All units on each side of the building use the same compressor, so putting one unit on "dry" and another unit on "cold" will cause a problem.]

Christian Education:

- "VBS in a Box" kits will be handed out on June 27. There are 50 reservations and 60 kits.
- Fall Sunday School for the children is TBD. Linda will take her cue from Carroll County Public Schools and the Bishop. She will assess and see if children's Sunday School will be okay. Adults can continue as they have been if they like.

SPRC: The next meeting of the committee will be in August.

UMW:

- The UMW provided 12 graduate cards.
- The unit will not meet again until September.

UMM: No report.

Finance:

- We are doing very well, financially.
- The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan/Grant provided around \$27,000. It covered Payroll and more.
- We have about \$20,000 non-restricted funds in June in the operating budget, which has not been the case in quite some time.

Rev. Amy:

- We have been "open" for two Sundays. The first was a Traditional service on June 14. 26 people came. It was a bit stiff and strange. The second was a Contemporary [outdoor] service on June 21. 50 people came. It was more fun, etc. We were able to witness to passers-by. It was also graduate Sunday.
- On a personal note, Rev. Amy will be away from July 2nd through July 11th. There is no designated preacher in the inter-

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- mediate period [7/5]. Rev. Dick Harden from Pleasant Grove UMC will be providing pastoral back-up.
- Also, Rev. Amy passed her oral and written comprehensives with a 3.9 GPA. She now moves on to the dissertation portion of her program, which she believes will involve theology of animal rescue. On that note, there may be a St. Francis of Assisi Sunday in the future (the actual St. Francis of Assisi Sunday is in October.)

A discussion came about regarding people who have not been attending and what we can do for those who are missing.

- There seems to be some confusion as to whether or not the calls that happened earlier in the year (people took a page of the directory and called to check in on those individuals) are supposed to be ongoing.
- Our services are being live-streamed.
- People are being admitted to the Wesley Facebook Group Page.
- Vicky asked Jess about doing a flyer for Takeout Tuesday, basically saying "Worship at 10 AM" and to go online to view services. It is to be on a small, 1/4 sheet on colorful paper.
- Can we contact people who view the service(s) online? It would require a higher level of involvement in the web statistics, etc., to do this.
- A telephone poll of people in the directory was also suggested.
- One way to contact people at home would be to address them directly at some point during our live-streaming service, letting them know that we are here, how to go to the website, how to give an offering, etc.
- Rev. Amy affirmed Jess, how far we've come, and that we're reaching a great many more people than before. The increased interest in Wesley is great.
- It was noted that there is a learning curve.

The discussion then turned to issues regarding recording the services.

- The North Carroll Cooperative Parish's video is great, but it is integrated into the webpage. Jess Sichel indicated that there are levels of involvement for web pages: low maintenance, medium maintenance, and high maintenance. We are currently in medium maintenance, and going beyond that level would require more than Jess can offer.
- John Sies indicated that we need to be careful putting too much on certain individuals. Jess emphasized having to be a people of prayer. We need to pray for people to come forward to assist with this and ask God to bring people forward.
- It was suggested that we could be more intentional about our Facebook and YouTube feeds, with announcements playing ahead of time. We could simply have a flyer with info on it as a slide(s) ahead of time. Basically, how can we have pre-playing advertisements prior to the service starting?
- Jess shared that someone commented and she herself observed that it is hard to hear the live streaming and noted that we are currently using people's personal cell phones. John Sies stated that we may be able to put a "shotgun" mic on recorders. Part of the sound loss is in recording amplified sound. We should talk to Bryce Davey about this.
- John Sies also shared that Gettysburg Presbyterian started out with an old camcorder. Instead of using a cell phone, using a digital recording device might be possible. John said that his son, Dean, indicated that an ordinary WIFI camera can do what we're talking about and to let him know if we want to be in contact with Dean. Matt Sichel is supposed to talk to Dean; John will send Dean's phone number.
- It is important that we invest the money in equipment well.
- Perhaps we can use a computer instead of a cell phone.
- John Sies noted that, in order for ideas to move forward, we must identify a champion or a leader for the cause.
- It was stated that Rev. Amy needs to put out a plea — a personal plea by mouth during worship or in the newsletter. [Prayer is also needed!]

The topic of conversation transitioned into talk of paying a person to come in and help with our Audio/Visual needs.

- Paying a person to come in might entice a younger person. The main work needs to be a paid person or two people. Perhaps we can advertise through the college? Jess Sichel has a connection at the community college who might be able to help.
- Could the Boy Scouts help?
- Pam will ask her boss at Gettysburg Presbyterian for a job description.
- Linda asked if we were talking about this as another staff position. Laura said that we are still under budget.
- Laura also noted that it is a challenge and unrealistic to get one person in every Sunday. Perhaps we could have someone do a summer internship?

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- McDaniel College and Carroll Community College may provide some assistance for our needs; Carroll Media Center may have knowledge, etc., about equipment.

A motion was made to refer to SPRC the task of coming up with a job description and other information pertaining to hiring a media specialist for the church. This motion was made by Matt Sichel and seconded by Linda Yost. It was "declared so moved," but a vote was not taken.

Use of Fellowship Hall: Vicky Wilmer asked about the use of the hall, specifically for Davona Palmer's "Stampin' Up" workshops. Davona can go ahead and put in a request for use of the hall and to put the September date on the calendar, but the event may have to be cancelled if there is a problem. Trustees will decide the issue and, if it is allowed, decide what requirements will be necessary (face mask, social distancing, people capacity, etc.) There will be a Trustees meeting on July 1st. Linda Yost will reach out to Davona.

Simplified, All-Carry-Out Dinner: Vicky also noted that we could consider an all-carry-out supper of fried chicken, simple veggies, and dessert, with a possible bake table from UMW, towards the end of August or September. The cost would be less, but the profit margin could still be significant. John Sies said that we could send out to the mailing list. Reservations could be made with someone. Laura Waltrup said that we can take preorders and pre-payments (PayPal/credit card is available!) Laura is also willing to take calls and payments. Pam will eventually contact Jeff Graf about his availability.

Westminster Rescue Mission: Laura stated that the Mission is desperate for people to help with the food run. There is some lifting from boxes of foods from grocery stores. The hours of pick-up are generally Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 to Noon. This could be a Service Learning Hours opportunity for youth (15 years old and up). The driver helpers would be with background-checked driving adults. Masks and gloves would be needed. Contact Laura Waltrup or Scot Hurley (Mission Volunteer Coordinator).

Worship Equipment: Lisa Kemp was given the go-ahead to purchase equipment. Paul McGill wants to donate the equipment (mics, cords, stands.) [**THANK YOU, PAUL!!**]

Christmas Concert: Lisa has spoken with Abby Otradovec (friend of Bill Harris), and they would still like to put on an Annual Christmas Concert to raise money for whatever purpose in Bill's honor. At this time, they will plan for a Dec. 6th concert, but not sure whether it may be held. Jess will reserve a hold on the church for the entire week ahead of that date. Rehearsals would be held in advance. Contact for a lighting donation has already been done. The event will be cancelled if meetings/gatherings are still a problem leading up to that time. Lisa and co. will meet next week and start planning.

Youth: Vicky asked what is happening with the youth. At this time, nothing is happening right now. The youth landscape has changed, with four graduates this past spring. Jess Sichel volunteered to host a summer pool party and food after-hours at the pool. She will contact the Manchester-Lineboro Lions Club Pool and get back to Linda as soon as possible. We could invite all Youth from those going into 6th grade to those coming out of 12th. We could also have a sign-up ahead of time.

Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry: Matt Sichel reported that the DCOM (District Committee on Ministry) voted to recertify Matt and asked him if he wanted to go before BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministry) for exams in February of 2021. The voted not to send him forward for the exams and gave him conditions to meet with his candidacy mentor and work on answers to the questions in his paperwork. Matt has also applied to the London School of Theology program through Asbury Seminary. He is waiting to hear from Asbury. He could start in October, but it would probably be February when he would begin.

Matt closed in prayer at 8:40 PM. The meeting ended at 8:43 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



JULY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Schedule: Worship services are being held outdoors (weather permitting) and in-person at 10 AM.						
5 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service	6 <i>Register for Worship! (7/12 Worship Service)</i>	7 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	8 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach (via Zoom) 6 PM	9 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	10 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	11 Rev. Amy Away
12 10 AM Traditional Worship Service (Commissioning Cherokee Missionaries)	13 <i>Register for Worship! (7/19 Worship Service)</i>	14 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	15 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Praise Team 6 PM	16 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	17 Office CLOSED	
19 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service	20 <i>Register for Worship! (7/26 Worship Service)</i>	21 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	22 Administrative Council 7 PM (in person)	23 Finance (via Zoom) 7 PM	24 Secretary Away/Office Closed	25 Rev. Amy Away
26 10 AM Traditional Worship Service	27 <i>Register for Worship! (8/2 Worship Service)</i>	28 Office Drop-In 10 AM to 1 PM "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	29 Office CLOSED Praise Team 6 PM	30 Book Club 12 PM at "Reenie's Garage"	31 Office CLOSED	
						Secretary Away

AUGUST 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service	3 <i>Register for Worship!</i> (8/9 Worship Service)	4 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	5 Office CLOSED Trustees (tentative) 7 PM	6	7 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	8
9 10 AM Traditional Worship Service	10 <i>Register for Worship!</i> (8/16 Worship Service)	11 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6:30 PM @ Wesley UMC	12 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM Outreach (tentative) 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM	13	14 Office Drop-In 1:30 to 3:30 PM	15 <i>September Journal Submissions Due Today!</i>
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SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP

⁷Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
⁸My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD." *Psalm 27:7-8, 14*

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

How to Be Prepared for In-Person Worship:

- 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 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 worshiping 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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