



*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...

### “This Too Shall Pass” and “The Ten-Year Rule”

I need to be honest. This has not been a restful summer. Trying to negotiate a “new normal” during a pandemic has not been for the faint of heart. For my clergy colleagues all over the globe, with whom I share blogs and Facebook pages, the laments are often similar: “Everyone has an opinion and I cannot seem to please anyone. Church members can be so MEAN!” “Does any-

one know the best media forum for getting worship services out to everyone, including those who do not own a computer?” “I have not been able to visit with my home-bound and assisted living-dwelling parishioners since March. It is killing me.” These are

“**Y**ou are not alone. Human beings were not made for this.”

just a few of the words I have seen written from those called to ordained ministry. If we are feeling this way, I am certain you are, too. Perhaps you feel isolated and alone, frustrated, angry or depressed. You are not alone. Human beings were not made for this.

When I was going through a divorce that was about as horrible as divorces can possibly be during the mid-1990s, my then District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Mary Jo Zimmerli, said four words to me: “*This too shall pass.*” During that awful period in my life, I could not envision a time when I would no longer be paying attorney’s fees and fighting custody battles. Such a time did come, however. It was then that I discovered the wisdom of Dr. Zimmerli’s words: “*This too shall pass.*” Divorces do not go on forever. Pandemics come to an end. *This too shall pass.*

There is little we can control about our world right now. Control is a human illusion, anyway. God is the only one who can do that. What we can do, however, is maintain our spiritual lives and integrity to the best of our ability. When I counsel couples for marriage, I always ask, “Ten years from now, where do you see yourselves?” It is a question designed to help them look beyond the wedding day to where they see themselves in a different stage of their married lives together. For what we are going through right now, I would consider the ten-year rule a bit differently. For those of us fortunate enough to live another ten years, I wonder how we will look back upon our behavior during this pandemic. Did we trust God to lead us? Did we have faith? Did we let Jesus into our boats (to quote a recent sermon)? Last, but not least, did we treat others with respect, kindness and love during the 2020 pandemic, or did we let our emotions and fear get the best of us, thereby projecting negativity onto others in hurtful ways that will not be forgotten...even ten years from now?

This (pandemic) too shall pass. Are we exhibiting faith and behavior that we will be proud of ten years from now?

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### Updating Your Info.

Please contact **Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary**, by e-mail at [baldor1@comcast.net](mailto: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.

### Our Condolences...

We offer our condolences to the families of Kathe Lippy, who passed away on July 24, 2020, and of Charles Beam, who passed away on August 22, 2020. May God hold you close to his side as you mourn these dear people and celebrate their lives.

**Donald Lippy:** 421 Lee's Mill Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074

**Norma Beam:** 1304 Wesley Rd., Finksburg, MD 21048

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jarrett Peake and his new bride, Sayaka, who were married on July 23, 2020. Many years of joy and God's blessings to you both!



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

**Anna Faye Jenkins**  
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416 Uniontown Rd.  
Westminster, MD 21158

**Patsy "Tootie" Harris**  
500 S. Houcksville Rd.  
Hampstead, MD 21074

**Zelda Wilhelm** (until 9/4/20)  
Citizen's Care & Rehab. Center  
1920 Rosemont Ave., Room 113  
Frederick, MD 21072

**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.



### "Someone's in the kitchen with Connie"....

We are so blessed to have Connie Wiegel who plans, organizes, and prepares nearly every event connected with food at Wesley. From Takeout Tuesday, to funeral luncheons, to our famous Oyster Suppers, Connie's efforts behind the scenes make them happen.

**Thank you, Connie!**

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Thanks to all for your prayers, cards and calls. I miss seeing all of you. I am still having tests done to get a better overall picture of what is going on.

*Peace and love to all. John Sies*

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### Some of the Reports from Takeout Tuesdays and the Corn Prep for the Fried Chicken Drive-Thru Supper...

July 23: *Everyone, I just had to share how God has blessed our Takeout Tuesday ministry. Last week a man pulled up and handed the guys \$100. He has watched what we do and wanted to help. He owns an auto repair shop at the end of Bethel Rd and 140, in case anyone wants to bless him with business. Pam contacted me on Sunday that a friend of hers had mashed potatoes and ziti with meatballs left over from her daughter's wedding. What a blessing!!...Thank you everyone for supporting this ministry!!*

♥ **Vicky**

July 24: *I want to give a big thank you shout out to the Horner family for their generous donations of lettuce and broccoli for our Takeout Tuesday meals! I also want to give Mike Hughes and Andy Smith a big thank you for getting us paper supplies to use for our Takeout Tuesday meals!!! Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry each week!!! We could not continue this without everyone's support!!!*

**[Vicky Wilmer]**

July 29: *Last night we served 133 dinners!!! Jason Martin took 10 dinners to feed some homeless people in Westminster!!! Our ministry continues to spread Wesley!!!! Thanks to Hahn for donating 2 hams for our dinner last night. Special thanks to the people who cooked them and sliced them! Thanks to the many hands that made cookies!! You all are wonderful!!! Praising God for each one of you!!!*

August 5: *Last night we served 125 dinners to our church families and community. We served dinners to 10 homeless people in Westminster as well as four nurses at Carroll center Hospital. Our mission continues to reach beyond Wesley. Praise God for blessing us so richly!!! Many have asked how long we will continue to do our Takeout Tuesday's. Right now we have committed to continue through September, but hopefully longer. Thank you everyone for your overwhelming continued support for this ministry!*

August 19: *We have so much to praise and thank our Lord for today! We were very blessed last night to serve 159 meals last night!! Our most ever!! Thank you for everyone's continued support! We especially thank the Horner family for the wonderful tomatoes and delicious watermelon and cantaloupe!!! Thank you also to the many people who delivered meals last night. Thank you to all of our faithful workers!!!*

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## ***"Thank You"s Continued...***

August 19; A Response: *We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We were one of the recipients of the meals. It was delicious and nutritious 😊 and extremely helpful at this time. Thanks again to all who contributed and delivered. Special thanks to Linda for talking me into it.*

August 26: *A great big thank you to everyone who came out to help to husk, cook, cut off and freeze the corn for our future supper! It was great to be together and share the workload!! Thank you everyone! Vicky*

*"You're a Blessing"*

Thanks so much for the gift card for Genova's To Go. We shared it among residents & caregivers! It was very thoughtful & nice to be acknowledged. **STAY WELL, *The Sunflower Hill Family***

*Addiction Healing Center at the Westminster Rescue Mission*

Thank You so much for your generous donation from our Amazon Wish-List! Thanks to you, the clients in our new Women's Recovery Program have the tools and materials they need to begin their path to healing and recovery! We could not be more Grateful! ***Yours in gratitude, Judi Nance, Recovery Program Director***

*"THANKS"*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All the coins, bills and checks that are donated add up to Bundles of Blessings for our moms and our babies. Thank you so much for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign (your church collected \$646.99!) and for partnering with Alpha to protect and to provide for precious little lives. Together, we can continue to make an eternal difference for Life! ***With a Most Grateful Heart, Janice for Alpha [Pregnancy Center]***

*"You're Wonderful"      "Thank you for taking the time."*

Thank you for our supper on Tuesdays. Thanks to each and all who are working so hard to help us.

***Charles & Nancy Peake***

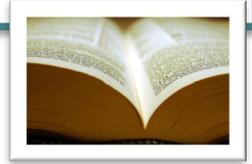
Thanks Pam and my special daughter in law Kim for bring us our supper.

*"thank you"*

Wesley Church, Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to our staff during these difficult times. Your thoughtfulness and support is very much appreciated! The gift cards for Genovas & JP, the basket of goodies & basket of lotions were all put to good use. We hope everyone stays healthy.

***Thanks again, Golden Crest Assisted Living***

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



**September 6:** Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

**September 13:** Exodus 14:19–31; Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

**September 20:** Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm 78; Philemon 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

**September 27:** Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16; Philemon 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–3

## New Address

Jerrett Peake has a new FPO address. (Please feel free to send things his way; however, **please DO NOT** include the name of his new bride in the address.)

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PSC 567 Box 6609  
FPO AP 96384-6609**



## A Blessing for Students, Teachers, & Parents (even those who are all three!)

John Wesley lived in a time when education was not available to or even encouraged for all. Yet he believed that education was a universal right based on the Scriptural truth that we are all created in the image of God. We all equally deserve to learn and grow in knowledge, wisdom, and grace. He inherited from his mother the view that each and every child is “a talent committed to [us] under a trust by the great Lord of all the families, both of heaven and earth.” And so now, as we prepare for a new school year, we take a moment to recognize and bless our students, parents, and teachers.



O God, our eternal and heavenly parent, bless now these families. Fill their homes with joy and their hearts with love. Give them energy, strength, and discernment as they raise these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Holy Spirit, the source of all wisdom, bless now these teachers. Fill their classrooms with learning and their hearts with compassion. Give them focus, patience, and creativity as they educate these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Lord Jesus, who welcomed the children and held up their faith as an example, bless now these students. Fill their schools with community and their hearts with wonder. Develop within them wisdom, integrity, and maturity as they learn and grow this year. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.



# Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, September 19, 2020  
From 12 pm (until we are sold out!)

Each meal includes ¼ Fried Chicken (your choice of dark or white meat), two Sides, and Bread and Butter

**1 Meal.....\$10**  
**Extra Fried Chicken Quarter.....\$4**



- Pre-Ordering and Pre-Paying are Available!
- Electronic Payment Onsite Also Available
- **Baked Goods will also be available for sale.**

## **\*\*\* Pre-Order and Reserve Your Pickup Time\*\*\***

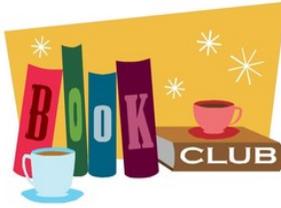
Call Cindy today at 1-410-218-9303  
to place your order and reserve your pickup time for the 19th.  
You may also prepay in advance using a credit/debit card.

When you arrive at Wesley UMC, please remain in your car and follow the traffic pattern to have your order delivered to you.

*Proceeds from this drive-thru supper will benefit Outreach/Mission activities such as supporting NESAP (North East Social Action Program), Shepherd's Staff, the Westminster Rescue Mission/Addiction Healing Center, the Alpha Pregnancy Center, Takeout Tuesday Meals, The Least of These Ministries, and more!*

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## Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



The Wesley Book Club is open to everyone both inside and outside of our church. Read a book, share a meal, have a discussion! Future meetings will be held either at Reenie's home or at MJ's Café and Baking Co. in Manchester, MD, depending on the comfort level of the group.

Readings and meetings are as follows:

### Good Reads & Conversation

- ↪ The September selection is ***Tapestry of Fortunes*** by Elizabeth Berg. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 12 PM.
- ↪ The October selection will be ***Love Comes Softly*** by Janette Oke. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 12 PM.

- ↪ The November selection is ***Love's Enduring Promise*** also by Janette Oke. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 12 PM

*For group will not be meeting in December.*

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

## NESAP Food Drive: September, October, November

The North East Social Action Program (NESAP) is holding a Food Drive for its Food Pantry needs during the months of September, October, and November. Items can be dropped off at the following places:

- ↪ Wesley UMC on Sunday mornings
- ↪ On Vicky Wilmer's back porch
- ↪ On Janet Martin's front porch
- ↪ At NESAP Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 2 PM

**Thank you** for your donations to this program! It is a great help to our neighbors in need.

### NESAP Contact Information:

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nesap.director@gmail.org

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[www.nesapinc.org](http://www.nesapinc.org) / [www.facebook.com/nesapmission](http://www.facebook.com/nesapmission)

## Food Pantry Needs:

- Instant Potatoes
- Oatmeal
- Stuffing
- Ramen Noodles
- Jell-O
- Pudding
- Mixed Veggies
- Paper Towels
- Applesauce
- Helper
- Canned Chicken
- Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6
- Soups
- Canned Potatoes
- Breakfast Bars
- Juice/Drinks
- Rice
- Shampoo
- Jelly
- Pasta Sides
- Canned Fruit
- Brownie Mix
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap

## Library Notes



**WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY!** You can now come in and check out materials. There isn't a lot of traffic in here and it's a quiet place to visit; please feel free to wander around! You can pick out books for you and your children!

**\*\*\*\*Important to remember!! We have CDs of past church services available for you to take home and listen to, if you cannot make it to our service on a Sunday. No need to check out the CDs, just bring them back when you are finished with them.\*\*\*\***

We thought that, given the stress that we are experiencing due to the pandemic, it may be a good idea to check out some fiction books. Even better, start a series...you can jump into the characters' lives and forget about what is making you crazy now! Here are some suggestions:

*A Thrill of Hope and Heavenly Peace* by Marble Cove [Patti Berg] (Fiction). Two books in one. In *A Thrill of Hope*, the beautiful Christmas ornament that mysteriously appears on Diane's doorstep brings with it the haunting cries of a baby in the night and poignant memories of her late mother's final wish, which set her on a course to bring a living Nativity back to Marble Cove. With Christmas just four weeks out and one obstacle after another standing in her way, time isn't on Diane's side – but hope is. Still, she knows it will take a miracle! In *Heavenly Peace*, Shelley's Christmas season is shattered by the unexpected arrival of her mother – without her stepfather – adding to a busy baking schedule. And when Shelley's father and stepmother arrive early for their visit, the turmoil deepens. Tasked with finding the costumes for the living Nativity, Shelley is convinced she'll need a miracle of her own when all of her efforts yield nothing. Can she find peace amid the chaos? Volume 1 of the Christmas "Miracles of Marble Cove" series. (Yes, this is about Christmas, but let's REALLY pretend!)

*The Postcard* by Beverly Lewis (Fiction). Rachel Yoder, a young Amish widow, struggles to come to terms with the tragic loss of her husband, her son, and her sight. Though painfully shy, Rachel and her precocious daughter help her parents run a bed-and-breakfast in Lancaster County. Philip Bradley, a New York journalist on assignment, comes to stay at the family's B & B. When he finds an old postcard written in Pennsylvania Dutch, he enlists Rachel's help in uncovering its mysteries. Soon Philip and Rachel are drawn to one another. Will the community succeed in keeping them apart—and the postcard's secrets hidden forever?

*A.D. Chronicles: First Light* by Bodie and Brock Thoene (Fiction). Spiritual and political darkness shroud the world's holiest and most turbulent city. Ruled by Rome and manipulated by religious rulers with only selfish interest in mind, the people of Jerusalem wonder if their Deliverer will ever come. Susanna and Manaen desperately search for hope and meaning—in a world where their love is forbidden. Others pray and wait for light, the True Light of Messiah, to dawn. Peniel the beggar, Marcus the Roman centurion, Zadok the Chief Shepherd of Israel, and his three adopted orphan boys—all long for a vision of hope. Now a healer named Yeshua walks the streets of Jerusalem. Is He the true Messiah? Or only another imposter, like so many before Him?

*A Mother's Sacrifice* by Carole Towriss (Fiction) A tiny infant floating in the Nile...who became the man who saw God on the mountaintop and brought down the Ten Commandments. The reluctant leader who brought his people to the gates of the Promised Land. We all know the story of Moses. Less familiar is the story of his mother, Jochebed, an ordinary woman whose extraordinary quick thinking and courageous actions saved the life of her son in a time of great peril. Volume 1 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible Series

"So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith." 1 Thessalonians 3:7

"Go with the flow, and stop being anxious about things that may never happen. If you really trust God, you don't need a backup plan. Faith means that you have peace even when you don't have all the answers." ---Joyce Meyer, *Starting Your Day Right*

**Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians**



## 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](https://AeroEnergy.com/HOW) or call **888-827-1713**.

## Outreach Committee Minutes • August 11, 2020

Attendance: Davona [Palmer], Kim [Peake], Madison [Smith], Stephanie [Smith], Chet [Phillips], Pam [Phillips], Connie [Wiegel], Janet [Martin], Vicky [Wilmer]

**Treasurer's Report:** We are currently in the black and all bills are paid up.

**Local Front-Line Care Organization Outreach:** We have reached out to Golden Crest and Longview Nursing Homes. The Respiratory unit at Carroll Center is in need of some support and love so we will get a basket of goodies together and take over to them.

**NESAP School Supplies:** Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to NESAP. What a blessing to the families and students of our community.

**Takeout Tuesday Ministry:** Takeout Tuesday has been a blessing for our church family and our community. We thank everyone for their generous donations. We will continue to serve dinners on Tuesday for a while. We also discussed ways to support families at Thanksgiving.

**Westminster Rescue Mission:** We are looking into the possibility of making welcome bags for the Rescue Mission.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are planning on filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child boxes. This is a great time to stock up on school supplies while they are on sale.

### Fundraisers

☞ **Chicken Carryout on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** (see flyer in Journal)

- Jeff Graf will fry our chicken
- We are still working to determine our sides
- Cindy Rill will take our preorders
- Laura Waltrup will handle the prepaid orders
- Cindy Myatt handle the money on the 19<sup>th</sup>
- Madison Smith is working to spread the word on Social Media

☞ **Bake table** – Pam will be in charge with the help of Cynthia and Lisa Kemp Kim did suggest that we make mini pies to make it easy and individual servings (contact Kim if you need mini pie pans)



**Rummage Sale:** Postponed until Spring

**Paint Night:** Kim suggested a paint night. We will look for dates in the winter.

**Bottled Water Ministry:** There will be bottled water available during our outdoor services for any of the congregation who need it. We will also be offering it to any of the many cyclists who pass by our church on Sunday morning. The thought is maybe a little refreshing water will lead them to Jesus, the living water.

**Picnic Table Needed:** We talked about having a picnic table by the playground. Pam will send out an email to the congregation asking if anyone has one they are willing to donate.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** We are looking into having an outdoor movie night in September. Janet will contact Robert to see if he can help us with the set up. More information to come.

**Next Meeting:** The next Outreach meeting will be Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

## 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*

## Wesley GriefShare Announcement



Dear Wesley Brothers & Sisters;

Bonnie Catron and I have prayed about and discussed how we should handle the fall session of Grief Share this year. With the threat of the COVID virus still among us and flu season approaching, we thought it best to postpone trying to gather our church friends and community friends together at this time. We want to be SAFE and avoid exposure.

If conditions improve, we plan to start a 13 week session in February, 2021. In the meantime, Bonnie and I are both available to talk with and reach out to anyone who is going through a period of grief. Our phone numbers are listed in the Church Directory and here as well: Bonnie – 410-374-1136 and Reenie – 410-848-1121.

Literature and daily encouraging emails are also available by going online to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**God is in control.**

*Reenie Harris & Bonnie Catron*



# SEPTEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 <i>Register for Worship!</i> <i>(9/6 Worship Service)</i>	1 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC	2 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM	3	4 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	5 <b>Baptism of Sloane Lucy Dehority 2 PM</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved—Harrell
6 10 AM Traditional Worship Service	7 <i>Register for Worship!</i> <i>(9/13 Worship Service)</i>	8 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC	9 Office Drop-In 11 to 3 PM Outreach 6:30 PM (In-Person) SPRC 7:30 PM	10	11 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	12
13 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service	14 <i>Register for Worship!</i> <i>(9/20 Worship Service)</i>	15 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC <i>October Journal Submissions Due Today!</i>	16 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance (tentative) 7 PM	17	18 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	19 Fried Chicken Drive-Thru Supper! 12 PM—??? See flyer inside
20 10 AM Traditional Worship Service Sunday School Start-Up!	21 <i>Register for Worship!</i> <i>(9/27 Worship Service)</i>	22 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC	23 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Administrative Council 7 PM	24 Book Club 12 PM See flyer inside	Church Reserved—Supper Prep	
27 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service	28 <i>Register for Worship!</i> <i>(10/4 Worship Service)</i>	29 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC	30 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	<p><b>Worship Schedule:</b> Worship services are being held outdoors (weather permitting) and in-person at 10 AM.</p> <p>Services will alternate each week between Traditional and Contemporary styles. The service will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in-person.</p>		

## SCHEDULE OF



## WORSHIP

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

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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 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 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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