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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...

This past Monday, the equines on our farm received their dental floats and annual shots. I always enjoy my conversations with Joel Nupp, of Friendship Equine Dental Services. Joel's brother, John, is a pastor in our Annual Conference. Joel had a conversion to Christ some years back, and now does "cowboy church." I am pea green with envy, because Joel preaches most of his sermons on horseback! We have the best talks, about horses, preaching, and the Lord. We like to exchange sermon ideas while his power tools are buzzing away inside my horses' mouths. Joel is a great guy. On Monday, he was bemoaning all the closed churches and different routines that have become collateral damage during the global pandemic. I have felt this way, too, but more and more, I am seeing a silver lining in our Covid-19 cloud. "You know, Joel," I said, "Maybe this is God's way of getting us to slow down and take notice. Maybe God feels human beings need a great big ol' Sabbath." Joel said, "Hmmm...I hadn't thought about it that way."

"There is opportunity here. Use it well"

Now, please do not get me wrong. The idea of God flinging diseases at us willy-nilly is not, and never will be, my theology. Nor do I think that closed churches, schools,

business, etc., are good for everyone. For instance, I cannot imagine what it is like, home-schooling children and trying to work full time. I am fortunate to be able to keep working, albeit from home most of the time, and I have not lost my job...at least not yet! Wesley UM Church has been able to do some sort of worship, online or in-person for months now, and new ministry opportunities have come to pass. (Many of my ordained ministry colleagues are still leading church online, exclusively.) No, rather I think the Sabbath in this experience is the way we are beginning to appreciate one another more. We are learning how much we need one another. We have spent less time "doing" and more time "being." Those of us who are more Martha-like than Mary-like have had to learn that we are loved for more than just our good works and we Mary-like folks are in heaven! There is more time for solitude. Some have revealed to me that they have finally taken up the hobbies they had no time for before. I think we are being "re-oriented," and that is a good thing. Perhaps we will become more God-centered out of all of this and less focused on the secular idols that had taken God's place. One can only hope...

My dad always told me that there are no problems in life, only opportunities. Next summer, a vaccine should be available for Coronavirus, and we will have the freedom to be out and about safely again. We have this opportunity right now to take this time to really slow down and notice the blessings God has brought to us we may have overlooked previously, due to busy-ness. Spend some time observing the gorgeousness of autumn. Take your bible down off the shelf, dust if needed, and read it. Take on a new project you have been putting on the back shelf since forever. If you are feeling isolated, call your friends or family members and re-connect. Or, if it is possible for you, take a nap or (gasp!) sleep in. There is nothing like a good siesta or lie-in to restore your soul. How, where and when we are able to do Sabbath is going to be different for each of us, but anything is better than rushing around, rushing our children and grandchildren around, or rushing past the things that really matter. There is opportunity here. Use it well.

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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.



Happy 101st Birthday!

Anna Faye Jenkins will be turning 101 years old this month! Send a card or drop her a note at her Golden Crest address below. Happy, happy birthday, Anna Fay!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dana Walton, who was baptized on August 30th, 2020, and to Sloane Lucy Dehority, who was baptized on September 5, 2020. An official "welcome to the family" to you!



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

Anna Faye Jenkins
Golden Crest Asst. Living
4110 St. Paul Rd.
Hampstead, MD 21074

Peggy Dovell
2322 Susanann Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-0199

Betty Horner
Golden Crest Asst. Living
4110 St. Paul Rd.
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-6219

Elsie Zumbrun
Sunflower Hill Asst. Living
416 Uniontown Rd.
Westminster, MD 21158

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

Zelda Wilhelm
Sunflower Hill Asst. Living
416 Uniontown Rd.
Westminster, MD 21158

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.



To the folks that prepared, donated and put together Saturday's Drive Through Chicken Dinner...

Spoke to a friend of mine that was a customer Saturday afternoon. She was very impressed with the way things were organized and the speedy, friendly service. "The chicken, slaw and corn (how did you get the corn so tender?) were great. On a scale of 1 - 10 you got a 10+.

Way to go Wesley. PS It was good to see all of your smiling faces as well. We are saving ours for "Sunday Dinner".

John [Sies]

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I would like to thank everyone for their prayers after my recent fall and head injury that required a trip to Shock Trauma. I truly felt your prayers through the ordeal and have not doubt that those prayers were the reason I suffered no permanent injury. I am now doing very well and am so grateful for all of the prayers, phone calls, cards, emails from everyone. They truly lifted me up during a scary time.

Thank you all! Michelle Hudgins

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A shout out to our youth who have worked hard and been faithful at countless Takeout Tuesdays! Thanks for being runners, packaging desserts, scooping applesauce, and brightening the evenings with their antics and conversations. Thanks to Madison Smith, Molly Smith, Meredith Smith, Logan O'Byrne and Kaitlyn O'Byrne. Good job!

Some of the Reports from Takeout Tuesdays...

September 9: *I am truly in awe at what we have been able to do at Wesley with the Lord's blessings during these difficult times! Last night we served 90 meals!! That brings our total of meals served since May to 2,007!!!!!! Thank you to all of the many hands that have helped in so many ways to make this ministry happen!!! Thank you again to the Horner family for the generous donations of tomatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes!*

September 23: *The Lord is good and continues to bless this ministry. We were able to serve 98 meals last night. Chet Phillips distributed 20 meals to homeless in Westminster last night!! Thank you to the many hands that made chicken divan casseroles for last night. Thank you to the faithful people who come each Tuesday night to serve these meals!!!*

October 1: *On Tuesday we were blessed to be able to serve 94 meals!! Thank you to everyone who made food, served it and delivered it! We are truly blessed at Wesley.*

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Our first ever Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper was a huge success! We can not begin to thank everyone who came out to help on Friday and Saturday, spread the word, and prayed about our event. We a wonderful time of fellowship! We really appreciate all of the support and encouragement that we received for this new endeavor.

The Outreach Committee

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"Thank You"s Continued...

A note from a visitor...

"I truly enjoy your Oyster dinners but agree that trying to serve Oysters on a drive thru basis would not be a good idea. Your fried chicken is excellent and a very good choice for drive thru. Since I live over an hour's drive from Wesley I am not going to participate.

"I am concerned that not being able to have your sit down dinners this year, along with the other virus related restrictions must be seriously hurting your fundraising, so I am enclosing a contribution. I am hoping your special meals can return next year.

Sincerely, Barbara"

A note of response: Thank you, Barbara, for your thoughtfulness and kind words! We appreciate the encouragement, feedback, and support, and we hope that you will be able to join us again in the near future!

In Christ, Wesley United Methodist Church

Calling All College Students!



If you have a student in college, whether it be far from home or attending a community college, please contact Vicky Wilmer at wilmervicky@gmail.com with their mailing address.

We would like to keep in contact with them throughout the year. Also if your student was on our list before, please contact Vicky to make sure that we have all of their updated information.

Sign Up for Worship Today!



As the weather changes and becomes less appropriate for outdoor worship, signing up for worship services will become more important. Our goal is to be able to contact all who attend a worship service in the event that there is a concern we need to pass along.

Please visit our website at www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org and click on the "Sign Up Genius" box to sign up for the upcoming worship service. You can also respond to the Sign-Up Genius emails sent out to the congregation every week or give Jess Sichel a call at 410-374-4027. Never let the computer stop you from coming to worship the Lord!

If we should exceed the maximum occupancy of the sanctuary or if you would be more comfortable elsewhere, the service is being livestreamed in the Fellowship Hall, in our YouTube Channel, and on Facebook Live.

We hope you can join us!

October Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



October 4: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 18: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 25: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Operation Christmas Child 2020



This year Samaritan's Purse has modified ways to collect and process Christmas boxes in light of Covid-19. We will be offering 3 ways to participate in this worthwhile program this year.

1. You can use the Operation Christmas Child online service to create a shoebox. Each online shoebox costs \$25. Follow directions at this website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>
2. You can take a shoebox and fill it as you have in years past. Empty shoeboxes are ready for pickup at church and should be returned to church by **Sunday, November 8**. All directions will be inside each box.
3. You can place any amount of money in an envelope marked Operation Christmas Child. I will then put our money together to build as many boxes online as I can. You can place the envelope in the church collection, mail it to the church or mail it directly to Brenda Benson, 1017 Gitt Ct., Hanover, PA, 17331.

If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Brenda Benson at 717-698-1576 or bandgbenson@gmail.com

Boscov's Fundraiser to Support Wesley's UMW: October 14 & 15



The Annual Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event will be held this year - with a twist! They've made it easier for you to earn support for Wesley UMC! There are **NO TICKETS** to purchase in advance - so everyone is invited.

All shoppers will receive a 20% discount off of their lowest sale prices (*10% discount items and exclusions apply) for the event and 5% of the total purchase will be given back to the UMW if you make sure to say that your donation is for "Wesley United Methodist Women."

The shopping dates and times for this year's events are **October 14 and 15 from 9 AM to 9 PM!**

Thanks for supporting the ministry of the Wesley United Methodist Women!

Wesley Outreach's Annual Soup Sale ~ Order Yours Today!



*Wesley Outreach
Soup Sale*

Sunday, November 1, 2020

The popular soup sale will still take place this year. However, we will only take pre-orders. You may pick your order up after the worship service.



The following soups will be offered:

- Shrimp Bisque \$11**
- MD Crab Soup \$11**
- Ham & Bean \$9**
- Chicken Corn \$9**
- Beef Barley \$9**
- Butternut Squash \$9**

There may also be some rolls/breads for sale.

Please contact Cindy Myatt at (410) 596-5391
or candcmyatt@gmail.com
by October 25th
to place your order.





Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, November 14, 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 Jan Graf today at 1-443-677-3761

to place your order and reserve your pickup time.

The final day for pre-orders is November 10th. Get your reservation in today!

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
Wesley United Methodist Church.*

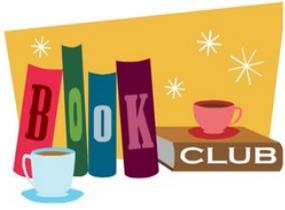
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Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



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! 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:

- ↪ 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

The group will not be meeting in December.

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

NESAP Food Drive: 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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North East Social Action Program (NESAP)
1046 S Carroll St., Hampstead MD 21074 /
nesap.director@gmail.org

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

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.******

"Sometimes the Lord calms the storm, and other times He lets the storm rage and focuses on calming His child." Jean van Dyke Let's keep in mind that He is walking right beside us, holding our hand, and calming our heart. In the spirit of hope, here are some suggestions:

Under God's Umbrella by Holley Gerth (232) Into every life a little rain must fall. But from under God's umbrella we see the rain in a whole new light. In God's hands, a downpour of trials becomes a tool God uses to bring healing, growth, and new life. Through God's Word, reflections, and prayers, this gift book delivers encouragement and hope, guiding you as you respond to the changing circumstances of life.

The Book of Courage by Matthew Kelly (180) Courage is not the absence of fear, but the acquired ability to move beyond fear. Each day we must pass through the jungles of doubt and cross the valley of fear. For it is only then that we can live in the high-places—on the peaks of courage. This book is a collection of quotes about courage compiled by Matthew Kelly.

When the Pieces Don't Fit...God Makes the Difference by Glaphre (232) So often, books on the subject of pain and struggle 'heal the wound lightly' with glib advice which is unrefined by deep suffering. Here at last is a book written in the *midst* of struggle.

Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado (232) "The circumstances of life or the promises of God—upon which are you standing?" What is shaking your world? Possibly your future, your faith, your family, or finances? It's a shaky world out there. Could you use some unshakable hope?

The Non-Praying Mantis by Matt Whitlock (Children) *The Non-Praying Mantis* tells the story of a bug who wanted something, asked God for it, but didn't get exactly what she expected. In the end, Amanda discovers the secret of getting prayers answered. We all have times when it seems like God isn't hearing our prayers, and our faith can waver. But when we earnestly seek God and delight in Him, He gives us the desires of our heart. Help your children to understand the true heart of prayer as they journey with Amanda Mantis through this engaging story.

The Spirit of Faith: Turning Defeat into Victory and Dreams into Reality by Mark Hankins (232). Faith enables you to receive from God and fulfill your divine destiny; without faith, it is impossible to please God. This book is to help you allow your faith to increase.

Under His Wings: and Other Places of Refuge by Patsy Clairmont (Audio-Visual). Where do you hide when life rains on your parade? Hiding is as old as the Garden of Eden. In her humorous style, Clairmont tells stories that encourage listeners to come out of their secret sanctuaries, face their hurts, and be healed. Two audio tapes of the book read by the author.

The Will of God by Charles Stanley (232) We hear so much about God's great purposes for our lives and how they are preferable to our own, but what exactly does that mean? Does the Lord really care about the course we take? Is His path really better than what we can figure out on our own? And if so, how do we discover what He desires regarding the decisions and challenges we face every day—especially when the road ahead appears so confusing? God's will for you doesn't have to remain a mystery. In fact, your heavenly Father wants to reveal the plans He has for your life. In this book Dr. Charles Stanley, beloved pastor and respected Bible teacher, shows: how to discern God's will, the different ways God communicates His plans, wisdom on how to know when you're really hearing Him, and specific steps to walking in God's will for your life.

P.S. Someone left a blue bag and a pink bag on our returns shelf. Can you let us know if it is for the library? If so, we can let our patrons use them for checking out and taking home large amounts of books!!

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians



Interested in Tutoring Services?

With virtual learning comes with its own set of questions and frustrations, so we'd like to offer tutoring services. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4vruh8j> to complete a survey so we can know how best to help you!

Thanks so much, Nanette Lishman

Outreach Committee Minutes • September 8, 2020

Members present: Davona Palmer, Cindy Myatt, Janet Martin, Pam Phillips, Chet Phillips, Connie Weigel, Madison Smith, Rev Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Linda Yost, Kim Peake, Vicky Wilmer

- ✎ Treasurer's Report — We are in the black and our bills have been paid to date.
- ✎ Budget for 2021 was discussed and some changes made.
- ✎ Takeout Tuesday was discussed. We decided to continue until the end of October.
- ✎ Movie Night will be held on Sept. 12th. Boy Scouts will set up. Lisa Kemp purchased snacks to give out. Jessie is bringing drinks. Janet will coordinate.
- ✎ NESAP — We are continuing a food drive for them as they are in great need.
- ✎ Fried Chicken Carryout — September 19th. This is a fundraiser for Outreach and we need lots of help. We will need help starting at 3 on Friday afternoon evening to husk corn and prep the fellowship hall. On Saturday, we will need help starting at 9:30. Please help promote and preorder your dinners. We need contributions for the bake table.
- ✎ Rescue Mission care bags — Pam They are still in the works.
- ✎ Soup Sale will take place on Nov. 8th. We will take preorders.
- ✎ College Students — We will reach out to our college students.
- ✎ Operation Christmas Child — Brenda
- ✎ Cookie Walk — We will discuss at the next meeting
- ✎ In the past, Greenmount Station has generously given to our church. We discussed holding a support night for Greenmount Station.
- ✎ Thanksgiving Food Drive — Janet and Vicky will make sure the food gets to NESAP on Nov. 22nd.
- ✎ Christmas Families — we will discuss further.
- ✎ Baked Potato Luncheon will be held on Jan. 31st.

Next Meeting: October 13th—Tuesday at 6:15pm.



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

Administrative Council Minutes • September 23, 2020

Attendees: Matt Sichel, Davona Palmer, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, John Sies, Vicky Wilmer, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Sandy Cole, Connie Wiegel, and Laura Waltrup.

Matt will serve as Ad Council Chair through the end of the year.

Matt opened with devotional story about conversation with Matt's sister out in CA and her struggles with COVID lock-down, fires, not being able to work, etc... and lack of control. Ironically, Jesus Calling 365 Days for Kids: Control = Peace only when it is God's control. "Commit thy way unto the LORD; Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5

Outreach Report – Vicky Wilmer

- Have added members during COVID: Nan, Pam, Chet, Connie and Madison Smith
- Outreach Meeting focus was on the carryout chicken dinner. Was highly successful.
- 400 pieces of chicken – roughly making about \$2,900 (includes bake sale \$700)
- Takeout Tuesdays provided a lot of practice. These will continue taking it month by month based on weather and time change.
- Next Dinner is scheduled for November 14th and proceeds will go to church vs. Outreach
- Soup Sale tentatively set for November 8th [changed to November 1st].
- Want to reach out to college students – regardless of where they are learning
- NESAP support to continue – they are in great need.
- Operation Christmas Child will be taking place – they found a local drop site. 3 ways to participate: 1) go online put on credit card, 2) fill an actual box and 3) give a check to Brenda Benson and she will fill the box.
- Will also support Christmas families this year – looking for names of families in need
- Movie night was a huge success – great movie itself and opportunity to sit out and watch it together was very well received. Attended by 14. Hope to do that again.
- Matt reported that World Methodism Evangelism is supporting about 100 Methodist pastors in Africa who have no food because of the pandemic – possible project for Outreach. Matt will send Vicky info.

SPRC – Linda Yost

- SPRC is Meeting Monthly
- Last Month filled out the congregational evaluation. That was submitted on Arena for Charge Conference.
- Interviewed Rose Holmes – staff review
- Still need to review Jessie
- Will have a parsonage walk-through (as required by Charge Conference) – tomorrow Thurs 9/24 at 3:30 PM

Christian Ed – Linda Yost

- All Sunday School classes except the Women's SS class are in operation in some format
- Pre-K to 3rd – 2 videos out on YouTube and delivered supplies to those children
- Tweens 4th to 6th taught by Lisa Kemp – has set up a private Facebook page and setting up videos.
- Middle / High School are with Nan Lishman and Chet Phillips – met in social hall and they had 7 Youth.
- Adult Sunday School taught by Matt is offered both in person and virtual (half and half)
- Women are trying to find a place to meet in person.
- Zoom can only be hosted by one person at a time because we only have one license now.
- Discussed an Advent project for future....

Trustees – Linda Yost

- Personally want to thank Gary and Vicky to replace the plexiglass in our sign (thought to be a bb shot) – plexiglass was donated

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- A few months ago, some trustees walked around the parsonage and looked at trees/limbs. Have one estimate from Cut Above Tree Service.
- Mulching was done and looks great. BUT we discovered a leak in the choir room because the leak was stained by the mulch (a blessing!) and it was much easier to discover where this leak was coming from (finally). George Davey has repaired the conduit. But caulking needs to be done on the inside – Rick Waltrup
- One door of the choir room needs to be left open so the dehumidifier can work beyond just that room – the unit can accommodate more square footage
- Tommy Smith met with the Trustees and presented a proposal to build a pavilion in the backyard of the parsonage for his Eagle Scout project. Approximately 3 picnic tables will be provided as well. It has to be approved by the scouting committee and then he will do fundraising and construction will start in the Spring 2021.
- Happy to have the livestreaming equipment. IT Committee is under Trustees. New equipment will be in use inside as well. InfoPathways installed another access point for expanded WiFi so we can live stream services outside.
- Tutoring program organized by Nan Lishman was approved. She is looking for tutors.
- There is a new water cooler and the water is underneath and is pumped up so heavy bottles don't have to be tipped over into the machine. It also has warm / hot water option too.
- John Sies indicated that the wiring closet in the historical room needs to be ventilated. Right now the doors are being left open. It should not be too bad now that we are going into cooler weather.
- Window Sill in Tween room needs to be repaired. Foam keeps being dislodged. With cooler weather, critters will come in.
- Is someone cleaning between Sunday School and other functions? Concern that the Fellowship Hall and Choir Room may be used more than once before Calvin comes back in to clean on Thursdays and Fridays each week. Boy Scouts have not really been meeting inside – but they have said they will clean up after themselves. Need to determine what supplies they will use –ours? Theirs? Approved products for our surfaces? Linda will follow-up on this.

Membership Report - Sandy Cole

- Working on updates for the new directory
- Do not think there is a membership report required for Charge Conference due to COVID

UMW Report – Connie *(a full written report is available from the UMW)*

- Try to meet in October by Zoom and get their thoughts together on where they are to focus
- Will meet every 3 months because of reduced membership – failing health, etc...
- Brenda Hess resigned as President after 4/5 years – Connie took over (THANK YOU)
- Boscov's fundraiser – 20% off shopping, 2 days to shop and we don't have to buy certificates – UMW earns 5% of proceeds

Janet Martin – No Report

Finance Report: Laura Waltrup

- Working on Budget
 - Worship budget to stay the same per Rev. Amy
 - Traditional Music budget per Jan to stay the same
 - Linda requested changes in Christian Ed budget
- Do not have updated financial reports at this point – Laura will send out when available. Generally speaking, if it were not for the PPP funds, we would be in dire straits because giving is decreased in line with decreased membership/giving units and COVID.
- Laura will submit Finance Report on Arena for Charge Conference AND will also enter insurance information in the Trustees Report in Arena for Linda.
- Laura continues to monitor with Farmers & Merchants the SBA PPP Program for forgiveness application – stalled by

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Annual Conference Report – Matt Sichel

- Very difficult for Matt because all other candidates for ordained ministry were put forth. Matt is continuing to work with him mentor and jumping through the hoops required by the conference.
- Annual Conference was interesting – could only see Bishop, but could hear people talking. Questions were submitted in writing to moderators.
- Discussions limited to budget (approved), ordained ministry and closed churches. 4 closed in our area: Boring, Deer Park, St. James in Westminster and [St. Luke's in Monkton].
- Boring had a \$1M endowment and gave it all away. Matt pushed to get money from sale of Boring building to be given to Pleasant Grove. Got shot down 75[%] to 25[%]. Money will go back to conference coffers. Dick Harden thanked Matt for his efforts.
- There was no worship to participate in.
- Nothing will shift in terms of the protocol to separate – expect to pass at General Conference in August 2021.
- Budget has had to be revised on all levels because the church is losing members and money in droves.

Pastoral Report — Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

- As far as sacramental ministry is concerned, I have officiated at two baptisms and one service of holy communion since the last Administrative Council meeting. Receiving the sacrament of baptism were Dana Walton (August 30, 2020) and Sloane Lucy Dehority (September 5, 2020).
- As of this date, I have no upcoming weddings or funerals.
- Outdoor worship has varied in number from approximately 25 to 60 each week. We had a slightly lower attendance last Sunday, due to cold weather. In consultation with our Baltimore Suburban District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade, there is to be no singing in worship indoors. Singing releases particles into the air, which is a particularly egregious situation during a global pandemic. It will need to be decided how Contemporary Worship, in particular, will continue its work when worship moves indoors. The traditional service has taken place inside, without singing.
- I have begun a weekly devotion ministry. Every Tuesday morning, I am sending out a short scripture, meditation and prayer to the Wesley mass e-mail. The decision to do this was a result of a conversation with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at our church. During the pandemic, the congregation would like to see/hear from me more often. I am not certain yet if the devotions are helpful. A prayer time I led for/with church members via ZOOM was poorly attended by the congregation.
- I have been assisting as regularly as I am able with Take-out Tuesday meals (both cooking for and assembling containers of food.) I also helped all day Saturday with the fried chicken dinner sale. I am grateful to the Mission/Outreach Committee and the faithful volunteers who have undertaken and fulfilled their goal of feeding the community within and beyond our doors this summer. I was extremely impressed with the organization of the fried chicken supper. The fellowship was wonderful, also.
- We had a Lay Leadership Committee meeting last night. While the Bishop and Cabinet of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference have requested that 2020 leadership remain in place through 2021, there are a number of openings for next year's slate of officers. These include Administrative Council Chairperson, Lay Leader, Finance Chairperson, Worship Chairperson and Christian Education Chairperson. The 2020 roster of committee members for our Board of Trustees, SPRC and Lay Leadership Committees will earn a well-deserved respite from committee work. Thank you to all of you who have served! We are doing our best to fill the open positions for next year. While serving on a committee may not be the most fulfilling work church members can do, it is nevertheless the work of Jesus Christ, and our United Methodist polity requires that certain committees be fully functional in the life of the local church. The nominations are prayed over and considered carefully. Please help...I cannot do the human part of church leadership by myself.
- Charge Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM. We will share the Charge Conference with several other churches, as we have done in the past. All paperwork/reports are due

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- October 1, 2020 to the District Superintendent's office at the Baltimore -Washington Annual Conference Center.
- Following successful completion of written and oral comprehensive examinations this past June, I have been moved forward to the dissertation phase of my Th.D. program. I have formed a dissertation committee comprised of my mentor, Dr. Leonard I. Sweet; a Christian Spirituality professor at Evangelical Seminary, Dr. Laurie Mellinger, and a third reader by the name of Matthew Sichel has been approved by the seminary. The title of my doctoral dissertation will be: "*Rescue, Recover, Restore: The Animal Rescuer as Human Participant in Divine Redemption of Non-Human Creation.*" The dissertation topic and committee were approved on September 12, 2020 by the president of Evangelical Seminary and my doctoral mentor. Contracts have been issued, and I am working on a dissertation proposal. I am currently putting together a bibliography for the dissertation, which is about twenty-five pages long. The dissertation itself will be about two hundred and fifty pages long and will contain five chapters. I hope to publish the dissertation after graduation.

Charge Conference via Zoom 10/28 – shared with other churches

Zelda Wilhelm has moved into an assisted living facility on Uniontown Road in Westminster – Sunflower Hill.

Request to keep the Committee on Lay Membership in our prayers. We need God to be moving in the hearts of people to provide service of leadership.

New Business – None

FUTURE MEETINGS: Ad Council will not meet in October because it falls on the night of Charge Conference. We will meet in November on the 18th – date to shift because of Thanksgiving.

EVERYONE needs to do his/her reports for Charge Conference — DUE BY 10/1/2020

Rev. Amy closed the meeting in prayer at 8:23 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Laura Waltrup and Edited by Jess Sichel

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.

God is in control.

Reenie Harris & Bonnie Catron



OCTOBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Schedule: 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</p>	<p>will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in-person.</p>				
<p>4 10 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>5 <i>Register for Worship! (10/11 Worship Service)</i></p>	<p>6 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC</p>	<p>7 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>12 <i>Register for Worship! (10/18 Worship Service)</i></p>	<p>13 "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC Outreach Committee Meeting 6:15 PM</p>	<p>14 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15 November Journal Submissions Due Today!</p>	<p>16 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 10 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>19 <i>Register for Worship! (10/25 Worship Service)</i></p>	<p>20 Final "Takeout Tuesday" Free Meal! 5 to 6 PM @ Wesley UMC</p>	<p>21 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>26 <i>Register for Worship! (11/1 Worship Service)</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Charge Conference (via Zoom) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29 Book Club 12 PM See announcement inside</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
¹⁴ 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 a phone call or email to Jess Sichel
- 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!)



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