



*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...

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart..."*

*(Psalm 9:1).*

November is upon us. This is the season for giving thanks, although an attitude of gratitude is important to maintain year 'round. This has been a crazy year. For some of us, it is hard to look back upon 2020 with fondness. If one is prone to producing a "litany of woes," there is no shortage of reasons to complain. On the other hand, there have been some true silver linings to this 2020 cloud. We appreciate one another more. Many of the things we used to take for granted...going out for a meal, having friends over for a party, being able to go places without wearing masks or social distancing, singing in our church sanctuary...all of these blessings have been revoked from us for the time being, in the interest of safety. I often wonder what will happen when we return to some semblance of normal, sometime next year. Will we give thanks and praise to God? Will we try to love and serve a little more? Will we be

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a kinder, gentler people? In a recent sermon, I quoted the oft-used adage, "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% our response to it." What will your response be? What is your response now?

Thanksgiving is going to be different this year. Fewer people are travelling long distances. Sizeable indoor get-togethers are discouraged. Some of us will be unable to see families or friends. It is hard. And yet, as we go around our thanksgiving table, perhaps we can still find reasons to give thanks. Even the most difficult situations have blessings built into them. Sometimes, we need to look a little harder for those blessings, but they are always there. How has the Lord blessed you, even during a global pandemic? Now, perhaps more than ever, we need to lift up and give voice to the goodness of God.

I give thanks to the Lord for you, Wesley United Methodist  
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**Love the Lenten Devotional? This year, we will also be assembling an Advent Devotional.** We will need at least 25 Devotional entries, so get your pens (or keyboards) ready! The theme for this Devotional will be "Joy." [See page 8 of this issue of The Wesley Journal for more details and scripture choices!](#) Thanks for contributing, and may God bless your meditations.



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### Honoring the Memory of the Wesley Saints Who Have Passed Away

On November 1st, we read the names and tolled the bell for the following people who have passed away since last November:

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| <i>Charles "Charlie" Robert Beam</i>    | <i>August 22, 2020</i> |
| <i>Charles "Bobby" Robert Beam, Jr.</i> | <i>March 4, 2020</i>   |
| <i>Frances Marie Ensor</i>              | <i>August 2, 2020</i>  |
| <i>William "Billy" Harris, Jr.</i>      | <i>April 12, 2020</i>  |
| <i>Kathleen Lippy</i>                   | <i>July 24, 2020</i>   |



### 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 Montgomery family on the unexpected passing of Lana's father, Pete Lohrer, on October 14, 2020. Please pray for Lana's family, including her mom, Sherry.



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

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**Have a New Neighbor?** We can help welcome them home! Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121.



Thank you to all our church “family” for the phone calls, cards, visits, and food our family received during the illness and death of Charles Robert Beam, Sr. Knowing you were all there to help in any way we needed was very comforting.

*Family of Charles Robert Beam, Sr.*

We are all familiar with the Walmart Greeters. Wesley has its own set of greeters! Thank you to Gary, Chet, John Martin, Clay, Greg, Gordon, and Denny who had their own special greetings for many Takeout Tuesday participants! (Hope no one was missed.)

#### **A Report from our Last Takeout Tuesday (for a while):**

October 23: *We served 136 meals on Tuesday! This was our last Takeout Tuesday for awhile. I can not begin to thank all of the people who have had a part of this ministry. I will be sending out our final totals later, but please know that we have been able to bless so many people, not only with food, but also with smiles and conversations. God is so good!*

## Collecting Items for the “Addiction Healing Center” at the WRM



Please consider helping Wesley Outreach collect items needed for the “Addiction Healing Center at Westminster Rescue Mission”

If you would like to contribute, review the list below. Purchase your choice of items and place them in the box in the Social Hall entranceway. Some items can be “gently” used. If you have questions, please contact Pam Phillips at 410-596-0777.

#### **Men’s Items:**

Size 10.5 - 13 men's sneakers	Casual dress shoes - sizes 10.5 – 13
Work Boots sizes 9.5, 11 & 11.5	Large, XL ,XXL, hoodies & jackets
Winter coats (Large +) ( <i>Can be “gently” used</i> )	Shower shoes (flip / flops) all sizes
XL and XXL boxers & briefs ( <i>must be new in package</i> )	Jeans size 44 and up
Long sleeve shirts sizes XL and XXL	Disposable razors
Deodorant	

#### **We also always have a need for the following recovery literature:**

- *AA Big Book 4th Ed.* (hardcover) Link: [https://www.amazon.com/Alcoholics-Big-Book-ALCOHOLICS-BIG/dp/Boo1TKoWo8/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?crd=1STJIZGNZ9J6F&dchild=1&keywords=aa+big+book&qid=1602698536&sprefix=aa+big+book%2Caps%2C146&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.com/Alcoholics-Big-Book-ALCOHOLICS-BIG/dp/Boo1TKoWo8/ref=sr_1_5?crd=1STJIZGNZ9J6F&dchild=1&keywords=aa+big+book&qid=1602698536&sprefix=aa+big+book%2Caps%2C146&sr=8-5)
- *NA Big Book* (hardcover) Link: [https://www.amazon.com/Narcotics-World-Service-Office/dp/1557767343/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=NA+big+book&qid=1602698710&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Narcotics-World-Service-Office/dp/1557767343/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=NA+big+book&qid=1602698710&sr=8-1)
- *Life Recovery Bible* (paperback) Link: [https://www.amazon.com/Life-Recovery-Bible-Personal-Size/dp/1496427580/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?dchild=1&keywords=life+recovery+bible&qid=1602698735&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Life-Recovery-Bible-Personal-Size/dp/1496427580/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=life+recovery+bible&qid=1602698735&sr=8-3)
- *12 Steps and 12 Traditions* (paperback) Link: [https://www.amazon.com/Twelve-Steps-Traditions-Alcoholics-dp-0916856291/dp/0916856291/ref=mt\\_other?\\_encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=](https://www.amazon.com/Twelve-Steps-Traditions-Alcoholics-dp-0916856291/dp/0916856291/ref=mt_other?_encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=)

## "From the Desk of the Pastor" Continued...

Church. Thank you for being adaptable to great change. Thank you for being resourceful and flexible. Thank you for innovative new ministries and services this year that have brought hope and worship to the community. Thank you for being the Body of Christ and refusing to give up or give in to despair and negative thinking. Thank you for challenging your pastor to think outside of the box from time to time! Thank you for being you. I am so grateful! Happy Thanksgiving.

*Love, Rev. Amy*



## "Email Etiquette: Tips for Churches"

*It's always important to try to make a good impression on people you don't know—and people you do! Here are a few tips from Amanda Lansche that might help with our inter-church communications:*

"Emails are the online equivalent of letters, so a genial hello (and goodbye) is just good manners. Start with hello or greetings in Christ! Introduce yourself if the recipient might not recognize your email address or name...When it comes time to say goodbye, add some humanity back into your message with well wishes. It never hurts to add "Have a good weekend!" to a friendly Friday afternoon message.

"Use formatting to your advantage to ensure your reader gets through the whole thing and remembers what's important. I like add white space by breaking up paragraphs; each is a single thought or request, being no more than a few sentences...Bullet points and numbered lists help eliminate extraneous words. To call out key information, use bold or accent color text sparingly...And never, NEVER use all caps unless you have a very good reason. It's the equivalent to online shouting, and most people find it highly upsetting!

"When you send an email multiple recipients, consider whether everyone on the list really needs the information. This also applies when using Reply All, since the extended conversation may cease to be relevant to the original list."

*Thanks, Amanda, for sharing these tips! More can be found at <https://www.concordiatechnology.org/blog/2016/10/email-etiquette-tips-for-churches>*

## Sign Up for Worship Today!

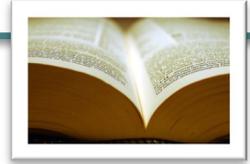


As the weather changes and becomes less appropriate for outdoor worship, signing up for worship services will become more important. Our goal is to be able to contact all who attend a worship service in the event that there is a concern we need to pass along.

Please visit our website at [www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org](http://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 and on our YouTube Channel. We hope you can join us!

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



**November 8:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**November 15:** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**November 22 (Christ the King Sunday):** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**November 26 (Thanksgiving Day):** Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

**November 29 (1st Sunday of Advent):** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

## Operation Christmas Child 2020



This year Samaritan's Purse has modified ways to collect and process Christmas boxes in light of Covid-19. We have been 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 fill a shoebox as you have in years past. **Filled shoeboxes should be returned to church by Sunday, November 8.**
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](mailto:bandgbenson@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## NESAP Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The North East Social Action Program (NESAP) is continuing its Food Drive for Food Pantry needs during November. Help support a family during the Thanksgiving holiday! 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.



- 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



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## 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*



## 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.***

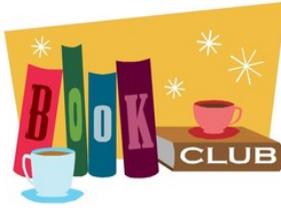
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## Wesley (and Friends!) Book Club



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.

The upcoming readings and meetings are as follows:

Good Reads &  
Conversation

↪ 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.*

## Advent Devotional: JOY!!

They rejoice before you  
as with joy at the  
harvest.



Isaiah 9:3  
NRSV

Like the two editions of the Lenten Devotional, Wesley UMC will gather together again (Lord willing!) to create an **Advent Devotional**. The theme of the devotional is "Joy." You do not have to be a writer of great stature or an international thinker to jot down your meditations on joy; rather, work with the Holy Spirit and write a few words about one or more of the following Scripture verses that speaks to you. We will need at least 25 devotionals for Advent and Christmas. You may submit more than one writing (that is welcome!)

To choose a Scripture, please read through the below list and contact Jess Sichel at (410) 374-4027 or by email at [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org). Let her know which Scripture(s) you would like to write about. Then, **submit your writing(s) to Jess on or before Sunday, November 22nd**. The book will be formatted and published electronically in time for the 1st Sunday in Advent, which is the following Sunday.

Deuteronomy 28:47-48: <sup>47</sup>Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and with gladness of heart for the abundance of everything, <sup>48</sup>therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and lack of everything.

1 Samuel 18:6: As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.

1 Kings 1:40: And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

1 Kings 8:66: On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents, joyful and in good spirits because of all the goodness that the Lord had shown to his servant David and to his people Israel.

1 Chronicles 12:40: And also their neighbors, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, came bringing food on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen—abundant provisions of meal, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, oxen, and sheep, for there was joy in Israel.

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- 1 Chronicles 15:16: David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy.
- 1 Chronicles 16:27: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.
- 1 Chronicles 16:33: Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 1 Chronicles 29:17: I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.
- Ezra 3:12-13: But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.
- Ezra 6:16: The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.
- Ezra 6:22: With joy they celebrated the festival of unleavened bread seven days; for the Lord had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.
- Nehemiah 8:10: Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
- Esther 8:16: For the Jews there was light and gladness, joy and honor.
- Esther 8:17: In every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict came, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a festival and a holiday. Furthermore, many of the peoples of the country professed to be Jews, because the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.
- Job 38:7: when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- Psalms 5:11: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.
- Psalms 16:11: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- Psalms 20:5: May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- Psalms 21:6: You bestow on him blessings forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- Psalms 27:6: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- Psalms 30:5: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Psalms 30:11: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- Psalms 32:1: The Joy of Forgiveness[.] Of David. A Maskil. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- Psalms 32:11: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
- Psalms 63:7: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- Psalms 65:12-13: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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Psalms 84:2: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Psalms 107:22: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Psalms 119:111: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

Psalms 126:5: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Proverbs 12:20: Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy.

Proverbs 21:15: When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous, but dismay to evildoers.

Ecclesiastes 7:14: In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

Isaiah 9:3: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Isaiah 12:3: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:6: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 16:10: Joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field; and in the vineyards no songs are sung, no shouts are raised; no treader treads out wine in the presses; the vintage-shout is hushed.

Isaiah 22:13: but instead there was joy and festivity, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine. "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

Isaiah 24:11: There is an outcry in the streets for lack of wine; all joy has reached its eventide; the gladness of the earth is banished.

Isaiah 24:14: They lift up their voices, they sing for joy; they shout from the west over the majesty of the Lord.

Isaiah 26:19: Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

Isaiah 29:19: The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 49:13: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

Isaiah 51:11: So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 52:8: Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Isaiah 55:12: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 56:7: these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 60:15: Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.

Isaiah 61:7: Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

Isaiah 65:18: But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

Matthew 2:10: When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Matthew 13:20: As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

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Matthew 13:44: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 25:21: His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 28:8: So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Luke 1:44: For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 2:10: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

Luke 15:7: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 24:41: While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

John 16:20: Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.

John 16:21-22: When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

John 16:24: Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Acts 13:52: And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15:3: So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.

Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 2:3: And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you.

Philippians 2:2: make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:29: Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people,

Philippians 4:1: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hebrews 12:2: looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

James 1:2: Faith and Wisdom [:] My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,

1 Peter 1:8: Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

1 Peter 4:13: But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

1 John 1:4: We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

2 John 1:12: Final Greetings [:] Although I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

3 John 1:4: I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

## Library Notes



**\*\*\*\*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.\*\*\*\***

This is the time in which we usually think about gearing up for the holidays. However, 2020 has proven to be a year unlike any other we have encountered in our lifetimes. We are uncertain, stressed, and saddened by so many changes and events of the year. BUT, we have only to turn to our Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to find comfort, hope and peace. SO, let us think about being thankful during this time of changing weather, changing leaves, and changing expectations. Let us be thankful for our Savior who came down from Heaven to save us from ourselves. Perhaps some books about Jesus will help! Here are some suggestions:

*Who Is This Man Jesus: The Complete Life of Jesus from the Living Bible* by Kenneth N. Taylor (227). Here is one continuous narrative of the life of Jesus as recorded by the Gospels – without omission or duplications. The text is a paraphrase and not an exact translation. Approximate dates have been included to give a feeling of continuity and the lapse of time.

*Killing Jesus: A History* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (227). The details of the events leading up to the execution of Jesus are recounted. Included are many legendary historical figures and the political and historical events that made Jesus's death inevitable – and changed the world forever.

*The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey (232) Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work—his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection—and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history. With a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age.

*Jesus and the Twelve* by Alberta Rae (Sune) Richards (227). The artist's renderings of Jesus and his disciples is accompanied with short write-ups about each person.

*Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young (242) After many years of writing her own words in her prayer journal, missionary Sarah Young decided to be more attentive to the Savior's voice and begin 'listening' for what He was saying. So, with pen in hand, she embarked on a journey that forever changed her—and many others around the world. In these powerful pages are the words and scriptures Jesus lovingly laid on her heart. Words of reassurance, comfort, hope. Words that have made her increasingly aware of His Presence and allowed her to enjoy His Peace.

*Jesus: Who Do You Say That I Am?* By Robert Sullivan (227). An illustrated life of Jesus beginning with the world he was born into and the prophets and ending with his effect on history. Published by Life, this is done in the style of a magazine.

*The Parables* by Gary Inrig (227) Good stories leave you saying, "Hey! That's me!" The stories Jesus told have that same effect. To read them properly is to see yourself in a new way. But the parables are more than mirrors. They are windows into the heart and mind of God Himself. Beyond revealing what you are, they help you know who God is. Because these stories are so familiar, we often do not really hear what Jesus is saying. Gary Inrig challenges you to sit at the feet of your Lord, to smell the aroma of Jewish villages, the feel the dust of Galilean roads, and to listen to these wonderful stories as though you were hearing them for the first time.

*In His Steps* by Helen Haidle (Childrens) What Would Jesus Do? Four simple words...that can change your life forever! What happens when a small-town pastor and a handful of children choose to live the way Jesus would? Faced with difficult decisions, they learn to love, share, and forgive in ways that impact the entire community. This delightful retelling of Charles M. Sheldon's best-selling classic, *In His Steps*, introduces young readers to the story that has captivated millions for decades.

## Clarification for October 2020 Issue of The Wesley Journal



**From the Editor**

In last month's issue of The Wesley Journal, there was a statement about Deer Park United Methodist Church being closed. There are actually two Deer Park UMCs—one in Carroll County and one in Baltimore County. The Baltimore County Deer Park UMC (in Reisterstown) is the church that recently closed. My apologies for any confusion that may have caused.

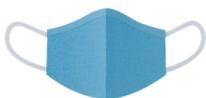
*Jess Sichel*

## Outreach Committee Minutes • October 13, 2020

**Members present:** Davona Palmer, Rev. Amy, Cindy Myatt, Pam Phillips, Chet Phillips, Connie Wiegel, Madison Smith, Vicky Wilmer

- ✉ Treasurer's Report: Our bills are up to date. Budget for 2021 was approved.
- ✉ Takeout Tuesday will be ending on October 20 but will be revisited later.
- ✉ NESAP is in need of food. Please help by bringing food to the church or dropping it off at NESAP.
- ✉ Fried Chicken Carryout was very successful! Thank you to everyone for your support!
- ✉ Rescue Mission: Pam will continue to reach out to them and find out their needs.
- ✉ Soup Sale: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Need to check jars, lids and rings. If anyone has lids or rings, please let Cindy know. Be sure to order your soups by October 25.
- ✉ College Students: Vicky will reach out to the families and students.
- ✉ Operation Christmas Child: Brenda—The boxes are out. Please fill them and return them as soon as possible.
- ✉ Cookie Walk has been cancelled for this year.
- ✉ Caroling: A date will be announced soon.
- ✉ Christmas Families: Cindy has contacted NESAP for names. We are also checking to see if there is anyone in need within our congregation. Please contact Cindy or Vicky if you know of anyone in need.
- ✉ Baked Potato Luncheon – Jan 31st

**Next Meeting:** November



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

**2020 Church Conference Notes • October 28, 2020; 6:30 PM**

**Attending Churches on Zoom:** Pleasant Grove UMC, Patapsco UMC, Shiloh UMC, Mt. Zion UMC—Finksburg, Mt. Zion UMC—Upperco, Wesley UMC

**Presiding Elder:** Rev. Dr. Ann LaPrade, Baltimore-Suburban District Superintendent. **Theme:** We Are One: Going Out in Mission. **Attendees from Wesley UMC on Zoom:** Matt Sichel, Sandy Cole, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Dennis Rill, Davona Palmer, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Vicky Wilmer, Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell, Jessica Sichel, Laura Waltrup.

Rev. LaPrade presented an introduction to the Church Conference and discussed how things were to work: Scripture reading, prayer, questions and presentations, business, and parting prayer. Prayer was offered, as well. The Scripture for the evening was 2 Corinthians 4:6-10 (The Message), in which Paul describes his situation and finding his way back from the brink. There has been quite a bit of difficulty in 2020: racism, wildfires, storms, COVID—but, we are one in ministry. We have been responding in unique ways. Rev. LaPrade is proud of us mapping the new landscape and claiming our identity in Christ. We are as Paul described, but God will guide us through it. We are to continue to say, “thanks be to God!”

Each church then presented for a short period of time. Churches have been doing things like giving much food, having pop-up food distributions, using web-based platforms in which to connect with their congregants (and beyond!), making phone calls, sending mailings, offering “Fireside Chats,” reimagining worship, having Wednesday Bible studies, paying more attention to their congregations and community care, beginning new programs such as “Loops of Love” and a home repair ministry, providing Vacation Bible School, connecting with Moms of Preschoolers, “drive-in” communion, using Bible story videos, and having monthly prayer meetings. It was noted later on that it is okay to try and fail/find out what works for us.

With regard to race issues, some have addressed the situation directly in sermons, liturgy, hymns, prayers as a church, etc., while others have affirmed that we should see people, not colors. One church mentioned that it is very political ground around our area and emphasized that our first commitment is to Jesus then to political parties. Helen Kemp from Pleasant Grove UMC told the story of an appalling and demeaning name being called out in Westminster to the son-in-law of one of the pastors. The local paper carried the story, as well.

It was mentioned that we will only change the status quo in small acts. A caution was given to be careful of judging—we will be judged in the same way.

Wesley UMC presented a video in which some of the congregation was interviewed. Comments discussed that we are valuable to one another, that being together in worship feels good, and that the beauty of the world is noticed more. There are feelings of connectedness and lots of love. We have had to slow down, but people have reached out to one another, and we have reached beyond our borders—for example, we served over 2,531 Takeout Tuesday meals.

With regard to Charge Conference business, we took up and approved the Clergy Compensation Report, the Nominations Report, and the Candidate for Ordained Ministry (Matt Sichel). Lay Servants Linda Yost and Matt Sichel were thanked and appreciated.

Announcements included October being Pastor Appreciation Month, the November 14th Annual Conference Laity Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference (OPEN TO ALL! Youth who would like to sing are particularly needed), and Prayer and Fasting for the Election through 1/3/2020 (weekly and daily). Rev. LaPrade discussed how, during the 40 days of prayer and fasting, they begin with Wesley’s Covenant Prayer, say the Lord’s prayer in the middle of the day, and end the day with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

The meeting was closed at 7:48 PM with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

*Notes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Sichel*

# NOVEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>All Saint's Sunday Outreach Soup Pre-Order Pick-Up after Worship 10 AM Traditional</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Register for Worship! (11/8 Worship Service)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Worship Meeting via Zoom 7 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10 AM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Register for Worship! (11/15 Worship Service)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fried Chicken Supper Prep.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office CLOSED</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fried Chicken Supper 12—?</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Traditional Worship Service December Journal Submissions Due Today!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Register for Worship! (11/22 Worship Service)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM Administrative Council 7 PM (via Zoom) Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Book Club 12 PM See announcement inside</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10 AM Contemporary Worship Service Thanksgiving Food Drive Goal Date</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Register for Worship! (11/29 Worship Service)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you, Lord, for your blessings!</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10 AM Traditional Worship Service 1st Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Register for Worship! (12/6 Worship Service)</p>		<p>Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held indoors and in-person at 10 AM. Services will</p>	<p>alternate each week be- tween Traditional and Contemporary styles. The service</p>	<p>will also be live- streamed for those unable to participate in-person.</p>	

## SCHEDULE OF



## WORSHIP

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9 (NRSV)



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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:** 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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