



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...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

The other day at breakfast, I asked Denny what he is "giving up for Lent." What he answered is confidential information, but I thought I would ask you, the Wesley congregation, what each of you is giving up for Lent?

The practice of "giving up" during the Lenten Season is self-denial. It is making a sacrifice and bearing in mind the (far greater) sacrifice Jesus made for us. If you cannot think of something to sacrifice, I would like to make a few suggestions. Most of these are behaviors that hurt you or those around you. All of them keep us from being the people God wants us to be. If we are being honest, we are guilty of at least some of these practices. Sacrifice is not really sacrifice unless we know these behaviors and make

a firm decision to change them. What better time than Lent to do a "spring cleaning of our souls?"

“What are you giving up for Lent?

Here is my list:

- Gossip. One of the best quotes I have ever heard is, "big minds discuss ideas. Small minds discuss people." Enough said.
- Negativity. No one likes a Debbie Downer.
- Complaining. This is so habitual with some of us, we don't even realize we are doing it. Put an elastic band or bracelet around one of your wrists and, when you find yourself complaining, switch the band or bracelet to the other wrist. Be self-aware!
- Spending too much time in front of the news or The Weather Channel. Talk about stress!
- Staying up too late. Yes, we night owls might be productive in the wee hours, but we are short-changing people and good practices in the daylight hours.
- Social media. Do we find ourselves spending lots of time scrolling through Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Tik-Tok, etc. etc...Guess what? We are

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Worship Services for March and Inclement Weather Policy



At this time, we anticipate that worship will continue to be held indoors and at 25% capacity (by the directive of the Bishop). Services will be both in person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel on March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Please remember Wesley UMC's inclement weather policy: If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Carroll Co. at 6 AM, Sunday School will be cancelled. The 10 AM service will depend on the severity of the weather. In the event of inclement weather, a message will be left on the church answering service by 7 AM regarding services, but please use your discretion for the weather in your area. We don't want anyone getting injured!



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| | Mason Wilson | 22 | Lincoln Horner |
| 12 | Jackie McLain | 23 | Sawyer Stauffer |
| | Michael Watkins | 25 | Matt Sichel |
| 14 | Carol O'Byrne | | Andy Smith |
| 16 | Kaitlyn Davey | 28 | Bonnie Chatfield |
| | Bruce DeVilbiss | 29 | Mike Hughes |
| 18 | Fay Miller | | Steven Novotny |



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| 9 | Irby & Sandy Cole |
| 25 | Carl & Ruth Rill |
| 27 | Steven & Hanne Novotny |



Our Condolences...



We extend our condolences to Clay and Cindy Myatt and family on the passing of his older brother, Artie Myatt, on January 23, 2021. May God hold you close as you mourn Artie's passing and celebrate his life.



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.

Contact Information Updates:

- Aaron and Lauren Horner:**
3706 Diane Avenue, Hampstead, MD 21074
- Don Evans:**
228 S Houcksville Rd, Hampstead MD 21074
Phone: (410) 365-3977
- Ken and Fay Miller:**
4318 Hanover Pike, Manchester, MD 21102



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

Anna Faye Jenkins (Hospice)
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

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

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.



"THANK YOU" ... "Warmly, sincerely, and gratefully, too, this message is coming today, And along twith a thank-you, it's bringing a wish that life's happiest things come your way."

My apology for taking this long to get this to you folks- My wife & I want to thank you so much for your generosity — Because of your kindness we were able to enjoy both a Thanksgiving feast & a Christmas dinner and groceries to boot — It's been a touch time for us but your congregation's kindness made it much better for us — Thanks again!

Mark & Lori

"THANK YOU"

Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer, ... Thank you so much for the \$25 Amazon gift card that you got me. I really appreciate that you're thinking of me and I'll be sure to put the gift card to good use!

Sincerely, Winston Harden

Thank you also for Reese's giftcard. I will mail your note and giftcard to her. She is not allowed to leave campus and we are not allowed to visit because they are in basketball season and are playing. Not even allowing parent fans. Hope you all have been well. Thanks for thinking of my college children —

Jody :-)

Thank you for the Lovely flowers, pin and certificate for recognizing me for serving on the Altar Guild. The flowers pin and certificate were a nice surprise. The flowers are still looking good a week later.

Blessings, Gladys

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)"

Dear Friends,

I was in the Dominican Republic in January as we hosted a small mission team. The last year has been a trying one for most residents of this world. It has been filled with uncertainty, apprehension, fear, discouragement, and a departure from things with which we are familiar. For many, it has also included sickness and grief. As believers, we have the hope of eternity in Jesus Christ. And we are called to draw on that hope to encourage and lift one another up.

It is my hope that our mission team was a great source of encouragement to our Dominican staff this month, following a challenging year of serving in the bateys. It is a joy to watch them as they care so well for these families in need! Please pray for our staff of five, as they serve throughout the year.

We are so grateful to God and you for your partnership in this work!

In Christ alone, Marty Hogan, Executive Director

Thank you for your faithful support!

We would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards and prayers during my brother's illness and his passing. It was very comforting to know we were not alone.

Love to all. Clay & Cindy

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“Thank You”s Continued...

Dear Wesley UMC,

When we entered 2020 none of us knew what challenges laid ahead. Normally, it is difficult to find the resources needed to help all our neighbors in need. This year with the health and economic crisis that has crippled our nation and community it became even more difficult. The inability to hold fundraising events and the closure of the thrift store for a period of time created a bleak fiscal outlook for 2020. Since 1984, this community has supported us without fail, in good times and in bad, this year was no exception.

I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your support to help our neighbors in need over this last year, we could not have done it without you. When you donate to North East Social Action Program (NESAP) you are helping families and individuals with a hand up so that they can continue working toward self sufficiency. Thanks to your generous gift we did not have to turn anyone away. In 2020 NESAP was able to provide clothing, food, housing, medical, transportation and utility assistance to individuals and families in our local community, fulfilling 1902 service requests totaling \$120,683.00 in financial assistance and 3783 bags of groceries.

As we start a new year many of the same issues face our community. Please keep the NESAP ministry in your prayers and God Bless you and your family.

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

Thank you for loving with actions!

Blessings, Donn Dietrich, Executive Director

“Thank you for your ongoing support”

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I wanted to thank everyone for the cards and kind words of sympathy for my mother’s passing. I want to especially thank all the people who sent mom cards during this past year. I wasn’t able to go in and see the cards she received during the time of Covid. She carried the cards around in a pouch on her walker and would look at them. You truly were a faithful church family to her.

Blessing to all, Roxane Brewer

Dear Friends in Christ,

Because of your faithful support, God’s work here continues. THANK YOU for supplying the funds needed to make a difference in the lives of men and women who come to the Mission feeling trapped in a life of substance abuse and addiction. Your donation provides our clients time and, coupled with their hard work, makes their sustainable, long-term recovery possible. Please know that your financial support makes the difference in so many lives and we are truly grateful to you for your faithful generosity.

Thank you so very much for your recent donation... Your donation ensures this is a place of refuge where the love of Christ can bring transformational healing. Truthfully, we could not do this without you. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity.

“Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.” Jeremiah 33:6

For more information on how your gift is making a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our website at www.addictionhealingctr.org. You can also find information there about our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

In Christ’s peace, Stephanie M. Halley, Executive Director

“My heart is full of gratitude for my church!”

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One More "Thank You"...

Dear Wesley Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity of giving over the Christmas holiday to all the staff and worship team volunteers. It is amazing to receive such a generous gift of appreciation from you all! I am thankful that I get to worship with you all, in-person and virtually. Thank you for your continued support and fellowship!

Lana Montgomery

Lent:
A Season
of Preparation

Worship and Event Schedule through Easter Sunday



February 28th at 10 AM
2nd Sunday in Lent



March 5th
World Day of Prayer — 24-Hour Prayer Vigil;
Sanctuary Open 10 AM to 5 PM



March 7th at 10 AM
3rd Sunday in Lent



March 14th at 10 AM
4th Sunday in Lent (and UMCOR Sunday)



March 21st at 10 AM
5th Sunday in Lent



March 28th at 10 AM
Palm/Passion Sunday



April 1st at 7 PM
Holy/Maundy Thursday Service with Holy
Communion



April 2nd
Good Friday—Stations of the Cross from
12 to 3 PM in the Church Sanctuary



April 4th
Easter Sunday!
10 AM Combined Worship **Outdoors!**
(Indoors if weather does not permit.)

World Day of Prayer: Prayer Vigil; Sanctuary Open from 10 AM to 5 PM

You are invited to participate in a 24-hour Prayer Vigil on the World Day of Prayer, March 5, 2021. This prayer vigil is a time of prayer that is supposed to go on consecutively for 24 hours at the church or elsewhere (for example, at home in a quiet place), with individuals taking 1 hour or ½ hour slots throughout the day. It runs from midnight to midnight on the 5th. The prayer vigil is opened up for all kinds of prayer, so you can request guided materials from the church office or consider praying for our congregation, those within our congregation who might be sick or might have sick family/friends, the denomination, the Holy Spirit's movement within the church and the nation, our local, state, national, and world leaders, protection for those in Christian leadership who might be facing temptation, or anything else that comes to mind as something in need of prayer.

Most importantly, this is an opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts and to go before the Lord in prayer.

You may sign up for a time slot on the door of the Church Office, by emailing Jess Sichel at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or (443) 850-4274.

From the Pastor's Desk (Continued)...

probably wasting our time and time is something we will never get back. PLUS, we are probably short-changing someone or something else while we are doing it, and the mean-spiritedness and negativity we find online is bad for us all.

- Sugar, chocolate and fats. The human body is supposed to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, not a temple of doom.
- Comparing ourselves to others. Now THIS is a waste of time. They are who they are and we are who we are. God has made each one of us in God's image and we are unique.
- Trying to "fix" other people. It is not going to happen. Let's stay in our lanes.
- Swearing and/or taking the Lord's name in vain. Every time a word comes out during Lent that should not have come out, put a quarter (or better yet, a dollar) in a jar and give that jarful of money to the church on Easter Sunday. The good Lord knows, with this pandemic and being closed for bad weather, Wesley could sure use the money.
- Being self-absorbed. When was the last time we cried for someone other than ourselves?
- Over-scheduling and neglecting to take Sabbath. Just whom, exactly, are we trying to impress? Even God took a day off.
- Being late. It shows a lack of respect for others' time and it is rude. Mea culpa!

Just a few ideas. I will ask you again, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

Love, Rev. Amy

NESAP Corner: Food Pantry Donations



Food, cleaning supplies, personal care items or gift card donations may be dropped off at Wesley UMC in the labeled containers or at the Food Pantry during store hours (stop in the Thrift Store and ask a staff member to assist you.)

Pantry Donation Hours at NESAP: Mon through Sat – 8:00 AM to 2:00

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

Collecting Items for the "Addiction Healing Center" at the WRM

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
 Work Boots sizes 9.5, 11 & 11.5
 Winter coats (Large +) (Can be "gently" used)
 XL and XXL boxers & briefs (must be new in package)
 Long sleeve shirts sizes XL and XXL
 Deodorant

Casual dress shoes - sizes 10.5 – 13
 Large, XL, XXL, hoodies & jackets
 Shower shoes (flip / flops) all sizes
 Jeans size 44 and up
 Disposable razors

Alpha Baby Bottles: Available Now!

We are welcoming the Alpha ministry into our hearts again this year! Baby bottles are in the back of the sanctuary ready and waiting for you. You can fill them with change, bills, or checks.

If you are not coming to the sanctuary and would rather mail your donation to Alpha, please make sure to **include a note with your mailed check saying that it is from Wesley UMC Baby Bottles**. The address is:

**Alpha Pregnancy Center
301 Main Street, Suite 1B
Reisterstown, MD 21136**

Alpha is doing its best to help its babies and families through this pandemic. Thank you so much for your support! Visit Alpha's website for more information: <https://alpha-pregnancycenter.org/>



Takeout Tuesday Starting Again in March



Outreach's very successful meal program, "Takeout Tuesday" is starting up again on March 16th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. More information will come out closer to that date.

If you would like to help with preparing or distributing the meal, please contact Vicky Wilmer at (443) 340-7703 or wilmervicky@gmail.com.

News from the Book Club



Wesley Book Club plans to meet in the Fellowship Hall for the month of March, 2021. The meeting time has been changed to **1:00 pm** (instead of Noon). The upcoming meeting dates are as follows: **MARCH 2nd** and **MARCH 30th**.

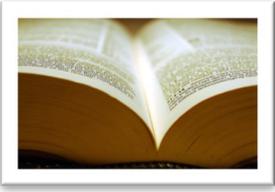
You can choose to bring your lunch & drink ... or eat before you come. If anyone wants to bring a dessert, please feel free to do so.

*Good Reads &
Conversation*

Our February selection is: THE WONDER BOY OF WHISTLE STOP by Fannie Flagg.
Our March selection is: BRAVE GIRL QUIET GIRL by Katherine Ryan Hyde.

Happy reading! Reenie Harris 📖 🐾

March Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



March 7 (3rd Sunday in Lent): Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 14 (4th Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday): Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 21 (5th Sunday in Lent): Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 28 (Palm/Passion Sunday): *Palms*—Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion*—Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

April 1 (Holy Thursday): Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 (Good Friday): Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 4 (Resurrection Sunday! Happy Easter!): Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 (or Mark 16:1-8)

Memorial Day Photos



As Memorial Day is approaching, Wesley UMC would like to honor and remember your loved ones who have served in the military. We would like to display framed photos, their names, and whatever information you would like to include. The photos will be displayed on Sunday, May 30th, and Sunday, June 6th.

Please place your photos in a box labeled "Memorial Day Photos" in the back of the Sanctuary, or you may call Bonnie Catron (410-374-1136) and make arrangements to deliver them to her front porch. Please do not bring them to the church office. You may pick them up after the church service on Sunday, June 6th. Thank you!

Sign Up for Worship Today!



As COVID-19 continues to be a threat, signing up for worship services has become important. Our goals are to make sure we have enough space for all who attend and 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 link for "Current Worship Details." Then, 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.

If we should exceed the maximum occupancy of the sanctuary or if you would be more comfortable elsewhere, the service is being livestreamed. We hope you can join us!



Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, March 20, 2021
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 March 16th. 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.*

Wesley United Methodist Church

3239 Carrollton Road, Hampstead, MD 21074

(Corner of Wesley & Carrollton Roads)

www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org • (410) 374-4027



Coming Soon!

April 16th & 17th

Start cleaning out your closets again and donate your treasures for the sale.

We will accept donations the week prior to the event.

Thanks for participating!

Outreach Minutes • February 9, 2021

Members present: Janet Martin, Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Cindy Myatt, Connie Weigel, Rev. Amy, Pam Phillips, Chet Phillips

Treasurer's Report:

- Little expenses for this month
- Two Vanco donations this month
- \$6902 balance

Activity Sheet- updated

Meals: Bonnie

- Nan

College Students:

- Gift cards provided for Amazon
- 9 being sent out



Rescue Mission Needs/Meals:

- Pam dropped things off
- Bin is being refurbished and provided
- Meals being taken over
- Jamie Keller for meals
- Scott for the bins

Takeout Pancake Supper February 16th 4:30-5:30

- Meal will also be provided for the Mission 30-35 people
- Pancakes, muffins and sausage being provided
- Snow predicted –will decide on Monday

Takeout Tuesday: Every Tuesday beginning in March 16th

- St Patrick Day theme
- Green dessert
- Mission provided on 3rd Tuesday

Rummage Sale: April 16-17

- Jessie is making up flyers
- Flyers need to be posted around

Phone Communication: Janet Martin

- Currently looking for people to help with calling
- People may also be contacted with email or mail

Alpha Bottles: Bonnie

Habitat for Humanity Project: Jan

- Helping set up ReStore about once a month
- Averaging about 7-9 people with others preparing and providing food.
- ReStore will help finance houses

Outreach Bulletin Board

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, at 7pm

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • January 27, 2021

Attendees: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill (Acting Chairwoman), Dennis Rill, Cherie Hughes, Rose Sichel, Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel, John Sies, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Jennifer Ejik, Linda Hollman, Vicky Wilmer, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, and Jackie Otwell.

The **meeting started** at approximately 7:09 PM. Rev. Amy opened with a **devotional** based on part of Thessalonians 5. We are children of light – we can keep awake and be sober, wearing the armor of God. We should encourage and build up one another. Cherie Hughes spoke about being “hopeful” for 2021. Linda Yost talked about supporting local businesses. Jackie Otwell told a story about how a kid who was squeegeeing in the city drew a heart on the window in the midst of everything. Matt Sichel said that the prayer requests were coming hand over fist; lost of prayer is happening there. Jess Sichel said that the Sichel family would need some encouragement over the next five or six years as Matt completes his doctorate.

Prayer was offered.

Rev. Amy welcomed the people new to the committee. She said that there were members wearing multiple hats, people who are working people; she is thankful to new and returning members.

Trustees – Linda Yost:

- There had been a “chirping” in the building near the church office. Calvin Lucy figured out it was the AED. The AED’s alarm is powered by a 9V battery. If the AED is needed and pulled out of the case on the wall, the alarm will sound. If you ever here the alarm, find wherever the trouble is.
- Thanks to Gary Wilmer for salting (ongoing).
- There is still leaking in the choir room; Trustees are still working on that.
- In general, folks have been working to keep things in shape.
- Rev. Amy gave the committee a “heads up” that there will be a **shower in the parking lot** of the church (like a drive-by event) on 3/27/21 from 12 to 4 PM. No one should be using the church and parking lot that day [during that time].

SPRC – Linda Yost: The SPRC has worked on goals

Christian Education:

- The Christian Ed. Leadership Team currently consists of Jen Ejik, Patty Harris, and Jackie Otwell [thank you!]
- Jen – the leadership team has been/will be February planning.
- Thanks to Jess for the nice, easy link to the videos for kids to watch on the website.

Worship – Janet Martin:

- Lent is fast approaching.
- 2/17/21 – Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM
- 3/5/21 – World Day of Prayer. We will have a 24-hour prayer vigil
- 3/28/21 – Palm Sunday
- 4/1/21 – Holy Thursday with Holy Communion
- 4/2/21 – Good Friday with Stations of the Cross from 12 PM to 3 PM. The sanctuary will be open during that time so that people can go in as they please
- 4/4/21 – Easter! We will be trying for an outdoor combined worship service. We had a wonderful turnout for the Live Nativity. Lana Montgomery is working on a project to record accompaniment with Jeff Horner and have individuals record themselves singing with that track. Then, she will combine the recordings to create a “choir.”

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Outreach – Vicky Wilmer:

- Hosting a Shrove Tuesday Takeout Supper with sausage, pancakes, applesauce, and muffins.
- Takeout Tuesdays will be restarted on March 16th.
- Outreach is providing a meal for the mission and Takeout Tuesday one Tuesday a month.
- Outreach has begun working with Habitat for Humanity at the ReStore. The next planned workday is Saturday, February 6, when the group will be stocking.
- The next Outreach committee will be February 9th at 7 PM.

Church Website: We have a new, live website, which works well with mobile phones. [Check it out!]

So, how are we doing?

- We started in-person worship on 6/14/20
- There was the Live Nativity
- We have had online material/worship
- Takeout Tuesday was started

What has your experience been?

What would you like to see?

Linda Hollman: It has been wonderful to meet in person (it was later noted that the Episcopal Church is not “opened” as of now). Rev. Amy’s weekly devotional is a really good idea. Jessie’s weekly notes are also a really good thing to keep us connected.

Rev. Amy reported that Donna Brown really liked the devotional (we are not sure who this is, which is a neat thing because it means we are reaching people we do not know).

There was some feedback from a member who is not currently attending in-person worship: things are getting a bit more difficult as COVID goes on, and life circumstances plus COVID has made things interesting.

Linda Yost reported that many UMW officers in Baltimore City are fearful of reopening their churches due to COVID -19.

Matt Sichel is very proud that we can be open, as many mainline churches are closed. He shared that the last place you want to close is a church; to be in community is great. In his case, he has people in his Sunday School class in a hybrid form.

Rev. Amy shared that the Women’s Sunday School class is meeting with social distancing.

When might post-COVID be a “thing” for our church?

Waiting for a majority vaccination (most people vaccinated)

Linda Hollman suggested next Fall.

In the summer, we will likely be holding outdoor services.

Perhaps we can ease into something near-normal by Fall; two services with Sunday School in between.

Linda Yost stated that she is missing interactions with the Sunday School kids

Cherie Hughes said that post-COVID is regional; maybe “normal” will be Spring 2022, but in this area, maybe the Fall. Cherie said that it is amazing that the church is together more than anything else she’s seen.

Matt Sichel said that he would not discount the power we have seen in outdoor worship. He is amazing at the outdoor worship accomplishments. He suggested that we keep the idea in focus for when we try things in the future and that we remember the joy of people.

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Rev. Amy mentioned how much people enjoy being outdoors; we can even minister to folks who go by. However, she did not realize that it would be so much on the contemporary team.

Jess Sichel addressed the strength of the contemporary team and the motivation of/by them. Also, this has been a time of Sabbath rest; we don't want to lose this.

Matt Sichel gave a report for **the general United Methodist Church**:

- There is a very big question as to whether General Conference will happen in August.
- At General Conference, the group will be discussing the Protocol for Separation of the United Methodist Church.
- At the end of February, the commission on General Conference is to decide how to move forward with the Conference itself. Will it be in person or virtual? People in certain areas may end up gathering and connecting virtually to people in other conferences ("divested") with a very limited agenda (the Protocol for Separation and the budget). General Conference may be postponed, which "nobody" wants. The continued postponement of the division is causing issues on both ends.
- There will be a press release in March.
- At this point General Conference has been postponed for 15 months, but that may not be enough.
- The Lutherans and possibly the UCC did/may have done this semi-virtually

Linda Yost reported that Laura Waltrup had another commitment and the **financial report** will be given next month.

Linda will be offering devotions/insight for next month's meeting on February 24th.

The meeting was **closed in prayer** at 8 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary

Senatorial Scholarships Available

If you are or know a high school senior or college student, please consider applying for a Senatorial Scholarship. For more information or to request an application, email Emily Van Horn at epvanhorn@icloud.com and include your full address. Scholarships will be accepted up to April 15, 2021.

My staff and I can be always reached at Justin.Ready@senate.state.md.us or by calling 410-841-3683. My personal email is SenatorReady@gmail.com. Both email and voicemail are checked regularly. My team and I will do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely, Sen. Justin Ready www.JustinReady.com



From the Editor...



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Hello to all of our readers! Just a few notes:

- Don't forget to turn your Journal submissions in by the fifteenth of the month.
- Submissions for the bulletin should be turned in by Wednesday.

Thanks for your help with keeping the congregation informed!

Jess Sichel



MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Register for Worship! (3/7 Worship Service)</i>	2 Book Club 1 PM in Fellowship Hall	3 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	4	5 World Day of Prayer & 24-Hr. Vigil (Church Open 10 AM to 5 PM) Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	6
7 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	8 <i>Register for Worship! (3/14 Worship Service)</i>	9 Outreach 7 PM	10 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM SPRC 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	11	12 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	13
14 10 AM Traditional Worship Service <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	15 <i>Register for Worship! (3/21 Worship Service) April Journal Submissions Due Today!</i>	16 Take-Out Tuesdays Restarts! 4:30 to 5:30 PM (Kitchen Reserved All Day)	17 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	18	19 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved for Spring Supper	20 CHURCH SPRING SUPPER! <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved</i>
21 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	22 <i>Register for Worship! (3/28 Worship Service)</i>	23 Book Club 1 PM in Fellowship Hall Take-Out Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 PM (Kitchen Reserved All Day)	24 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	25	26 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	27 <i>Parking Lot Reserved for Private "Parking Lot Shower" 12 to 4 PM</i>
28 10 AM Traditional Worship Service <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	29 <i>Register for Worship! (4/4 Outdoor Easter Worship Service)</i>	30 Take-Out Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 PM (Kitchen Reserved All Day)	31 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	April 1 <i>Holy Thursday Communion Worship Service 7 PM</i>	Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held indoors and in-person at 10 AM. The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person.	
			Holy Week			

SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIV)

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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.

Worship Participants for March:

March 7: Contemporary Worship Leader—Lana Montgomery

March 14: Liturgist—Linda Yost

March 21: Contemporary Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp

March 28: Liturgist—Matthew Sichel



Look Inside for...

- The **Lenten through Easter Worship and Events Schedule**,
 - The **March Take-Out Supper Flyer**,
 - A flyer for the **Spring Rummage Sale**,
 - **Take-Out Tuesday Restart Info... ..and more!**

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The Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Pastor

Address Service Requested

Many people spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy
branches that they had
cut in the fields.

MARK 11:8, NRSV



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