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the
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empty



Alleluia!

He is risen!

Happy Easter, Wesley
Church family and
friends!

Love, Rev. Amy



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No Sign-Up Needed— Come and Worship!

Thank you to all who have helped us out by signing up for worship in advance. At this time, and with the days growing warmer (allowing for outdoor worship), we will no longer be requesting sign-ups. Please feel free to attend worship at any time. We are currently keeping our sanctuary filled to about 50% capacity; if our attendance numbers begin to get close to the capacity limit, we will reevaluate. Thank you again!





April

BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Irby Cole, III | Linda Yost |
| | Laura Gast | 13 Rachel Kemp |
| | Jeff Horner | 14 Cory Waltrup |
| 3 | Diana Crochunis | 15 Meredith Smith |
| | Peggy Dovell | 16 Kathy Gutierrez |
| 4 | James S. Hoffman | 17 Dean Brewer |
| 5 | William "Will" Otwell | 21 Michael Martin |
| | Amanda Phillips | 22 Judy Davidson |
| 7 | Lindsay Zachman | 26 Molly Smith |
| 8 | Beverly Rill | 27 Brenda Benson |
| | Debbie Schubert | Patsy "Tootie" Harris |
| 10 | Chase Green | 28 Greg Horner |
| | Cindy Rill | Nan Lishman |
| 11 | Connor Insley | Kaylyn Phillips |
| | Cynthia Sowash | Seth Sowash |
| 12 | Adrienne Kurtz | 29 Kenneth Miller |



April

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Gary & Vicky Wilmer |
| 4 | Kyle & Amanda Phillips |
| 7 | Randy & Jan Kurtz |
| 15 | Ken & Fay Miller
Greg & Connie Wiegel |
| 26 | Clay & Cindy Myatt |



Contact Information Update:

Jackie McLain
1017 Ruth's Court, Hanover, PA 17331
Telephone: 717-630-0606.



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.

Our Condolences...

We extend our condolences to:

Jan Kurtz and family on the passing of Jan's mother, **Doretta (Dot) Needham** on Sunday, March 7th
Nan Lishman and family on the passing of **her father** on March 10th

The family and friends of **Anna Fay Jenkins**, who passed away at the age of 101 on March 15th.

May God bless you with good memories as you celebrate the lives of those you have loved and may He be close to you as you mourn their deaths.



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

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

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.



Hello All,

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed my hour of prayer. I have never participated in a group event like that and I really enjoyed it. The time flew by and I had no trouble finding things to pray about. It was very peaceful and was a blessing to me to be still like that. Blessing to all of you who kept the vigil going!

Michelle Hudgins

Dear Wesley Family,

As you know we have had a very difficult 9 months. My parents had been rapidly declining since early August and we struggled to support them in the midst of this pandemic. It has been challenging both physically and mentally trying to meet their needs and deal with their deaths. Throughout it all we have felt the support of our church family. I cannot begin to list all the times we were provided with meals, cards, a listening ear, offers of prayer, advice and love. I don't believe I could have made it through without all of your help. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. There is no other church family quite like the Wesley church family.

God bless you all! Jan and Randy

Dear Wesley FAMILY,

It has been very hard for me to put into words my feelings about your outpouring of prayers, support, generosity, and love. I will try...

I do not like to ask for help. I can be fiercely independent; so, having to accept meals was hard for me. Until I realized two things.... the first was that I couldn't do much of anything and my poor hubby was exhausted after a full day of work. The second was that your generosity was a gift that you wanted to give!!

Every time you brought food, sent cards, called me, sent emails, and prayed for me, I felt your love. I was brought to tears many times and Jim and I are so very grateful.

You are the true meaning of family and I love you ALL!

Nan Lishman

P.S. Thank you for the prayers and cards about my father's passing. He is now at peace.

Thank you to everyone who helped on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in whatever role you played! We give thanks to those who baked, served, delivered, and purchased a meal or more for our Spring Take out Chicken Dinner. It was a huge success. We served 365 dinners, 510 pieces of chicken. Many compliments to the Chicken Fryers Jeff, Dan, and Will. It was a great few days being together working to serve others... Our next church supper is on the books for Saturday, November 13th!

God's Blessings, Pam

Excellent! Dinner was delicious and it was fun working with my church family. Blessings to all! 😊

Linda Yost

What a wonderful day it turned out to be. And what a blessing to be a part of a group that happily gives of their time and energy to bless the Church and the community! You are all awesome!

Michelle [Hudgins]

Worship Schedule through Easter Sunday



March 28th at 10 AM
Palm/Passion Sunday



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



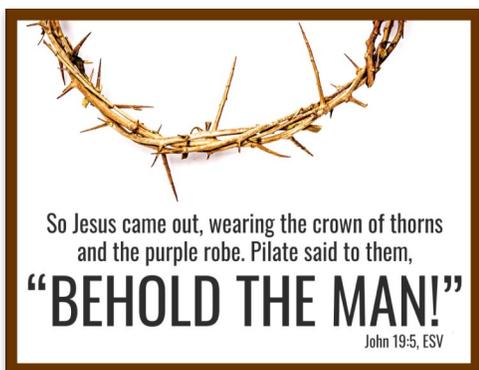
April 2nd
Good Friday—Stations of the Cross from 12 to 3 PM in the Church Sanctuary



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



“Stations of the Cross” on Good Friday—April 2, 2021



Good Friday is a little different this year! Some of you may have heard of “Stations of the Cross.” Wesley UMC will be hosting our own version of this consisting of nine stations that direct your thoughts towards the path Jesus took from Pilate to the crucifixion. At each station will be a shadow box and information about what to do (reading, meditation, kid-oriented activity, etc.). The sanctuary will be open from 12 to 3 PM for any who are interested to participate.

Questions can be directed to Janet Martin at (717) 495-7013 or Lana Montgomery at lanamontgo@gmail.com.

Combined, In-Person Sunday School—Pre-K through 5th Grade!



Ms. Davona and Ms. Jen will be having an in-person Sunday School class starting April 11th from 9:00-9:45 AM. It will be a combined class for children Preschool-5th grade! In order to appropriately plan, please contact Jen Ejek by March 26th if your child will be attending in person (jenniferejk@yahoo.com). Feel free to email Jen with questions as well. **Spread the word!**

Some video lessons will continue to be posted on the church website, as well. Mrs. Bonnie, Mrs. Linda, and Mrs. Patty will continue to post videos on YouTube, while Mrs. Davona and Mrs. Jen will be working with the children in-person only. Visit this link and check out the playlists for the videos: <https://wesleychurch-hampstead.org/sunday-school-youtube>. Thanks!!

RUMMAGE



Friday & Saturday

April 16 & 17

9 am - 2 pm

Wesley United Methodist Church

3239 Carrollton Road

Hampstead, MD

- Food & baked goods will be available for purchase
 - Cash only
 - Mask required, please

Rummage Sale—Donations and Help Needed!

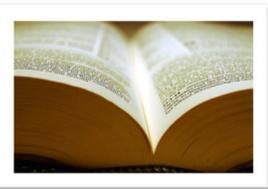


Looking for donation items for Rummage Sale. We will accept clothing, children's items (no car seats or cribs), household items, tools, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, small furniture, etc. You may drop off your donations to the fellowship hall on **Monday, April 12th, from 10-2, Tuesday, April 13th from 3-7 and Wednesday, April 14th from 10-2.** If these hours don't work or you have questions concerning what donations are acceptable, please contact Cindy at 410 596-5391 or candcmyatt@gmail.com.

(Disclaimer: We reserve the right to decline donations due to limited space.)

P.S.—Volunteers are needed for the Rummage Sale on Thursday, April 15th, beginning at 9 AM to help sort donations. Also, on Saturday, April 17th, at 2 PM, we need to help load the Rescue Mission's truck with all left-over donations. Please contact me if you can help in anyway (410) 596-5391 or candcmyatt@gmail.com.

April Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!



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)

April 11 (2nd Sunday of Easter): Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 18 (3rd Sunday of Easter/Native American Ministries Sun.): Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 (4th Sunday of Easter): Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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!

Alpha Baby Bottle Ministry

It is time to return your Alpha Baby Bottles filled with change, cash, or checks! If you have one out and about, please return it by April 4th, 2021.

It's not too late to mail a 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/>



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 |

News from the Book Club



Dear Fellow Readers: It was so wonderful to share and spend time together at our Book Club meet[ing]. We chose our reads for the next three months, and I am listing them below so you have time to obtain the books and read at your convenience. As long as the weather is cold, we will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall. I feel most of you want to return to "Reenie's Garage" once the weather improves and warms up. We will have to take it a month at a time. [Dates may change if the group chooses to return to Thursday meetings later this season.] Here are the future reads:

- *March 30, 2021 (Tuesday)* - **Brave Girl Quiet Girl** by Katherine Ryan Hyde - meeting in the Wesley Fellowship Hall
- *April 27th (Tuesday)* - **The Getaway Girls** by Dee MacDonald - meeting place TBD
- *May 25th (Tuesday)* - **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins - meeting place TBD
- *June 29th (Tuesday)* - **Standing in the Rainbow** by Fannie Flagg - meeting place TBD

Good Reads &
Conversation

Happy reading! Reenie Harris  



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. *******

As we read the Bible, sometimes the Holy Spirit calls us to dig a little deeper into what we have read. What more can we learn about these people we have encountered in our reading of the Word of God? What were they like before we read about them in Scripture? What perspectives can we gain by looking at the words they tell? What are the stories behind the stories? We've found some fictional accounts that use the Scriptures and are based on what we read in the Bible. Guidepost's Ordinary Women of the Bible series helps us to meet these women and see how God used them to change history.

The Healer's Touch by Connilyn Cossette (Fiction) When Jewish sailor's wife, Tikva received word, more than a decade ago, of a family tragedy, the shock of the news sent her into premature labor, and she delivered a stillborn son. From that time until this, despite chasing after a multitude of healer's promises and spending all she had on torturous treatments, she hasn't been able to stop the resulting hemorrhaging. The doctor she saw today, like all the others, had given her lofty promises of a cure but turned out to be yet another charlatan. Defeated, Tikva returns home to her aged mother-in-law, who has heard tell of a miracle-working Rabbi visiting their province. Does Tikva dare hold out one last hope for healing? Volume 2 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible Series

The Ark Builder's Wife Zarah's Story by Tracy Higley (Fiction) Zarah's husband, Noah, has been preaching about the coming destruction of the world for years, as he builds a monstrous ship in the middle of his grain field. But Zarah, Noah's wife and mother to their three sons, does not hear from God the way Noah does. Her hidden past, as a captive in a pagan temple, has led her to believe she is damaged and unworthy. Why would God speak to her? But then, son Shem's wife, Salbeth, is abducted by the same cult of the pagan moon-god that Zarah once belonged to, and only she can find a way to bring the girl back home. Can Zarah prove her worth to her family by confronting and confessing the dark secrets of her past and rescuing Salbeth before the rain begins, and the world as they know it comes to an end? Volume 3 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible series.

An Unlikely Witness Joanna's Story by Ginger Garrett (Fiction) All Joanna wanted was a peaceful life at the palace. She wanted to bear children for her husband, Chuza, the steward of Herod Antipas, and bring honor to her family. Instead, Joanna became an eyewitness to the most transformative, shocking events in human history...events that would force her to choose between the life she once imagined, and life she never could have dreamed of. When she faces the choice between maintaining the illusion of peace and following the Prince of Peace, Joanna finds herself at the crossroads of her heart. Will she have the strength and courage to choose the right path? Volume 4 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible series.

The Last Drop of Oil Adaliah's Story by Virginia Smith (Fiction) A devastating fire threatens the lives of Adaliah's four-year-old son and her abusive husband. In a desperate effort, she faces the raging inferno to rescue her son from certain death. But her husband is left to the fate of the flames and does not survive. Did she hesitate a moment too long? Could she have saved him if she'd truly wanted to? Left to cope with the aftermath of the fire, the condemnation of her husband's relatives, and her own guilt, Adaliah struggles to scrape out a living from the ashes of her former life. She is an outcast in the village, thanks to the vicious rumors spread by her stepdaughter. When she and her son face starvation, a prophet of Yahweh appears, asking for her last drop of oil. Volume 5 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible series.

A Perilous Journey Phoebe's Story by Mary DeMuth (Fiction) Tasked with taking the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome, Phoebe embarks on a tumult-filled journey over land and sea accompanied by her closest friend and a mysterious freed slave. Already having suffered persecution for her stalwart belief in Yeshua, Phoebe must overcome

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deep betrayal, a violent pirate raid, and the loss of every scrap of security she's ever had, to travel to an unknown location and deliver Paul's greatest treatise of the faith. Will she find the resources and the trust she needs to complete the seemingly impossible task? Or will the ever-multiplying obstacles before her strangle her resolve? Volume 6 in the Ordinary Women of the Bible series.

Our library is for you to use and enjoy. Remember to sign your name and date to the card found in the back of the book. File the card in the yellow box under the letter that begins your last name. When you return a book, find the card, put the return date on the card, and put the card in the pocket of the book. You can stack books on the shelf beside the yellow box or on the desk; the librarians will re-shelve them. Please return borrowed items within 6 months.

Donated items may be left stacked on the library desk. **Please** leave a paper with your name and the names of the donated items so that we can give you proper credit. Remember that we only take items suitable for a church library. The librarians reserve the right to determine suitability.

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

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



A Note from Tommy Smith about the Parsonage Pavilion Project:

"For my Eagle Scout project, I will be constructing a 24' x 24' pavilion behind the parsonage, six picnic tables, and a connecting sidewalk. Your support is essential to my success.

"The overall cost is estimated to be approximately \$6,000. Would you consider a financial donation to help me with my project?

" ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ other amount"

"The cost is approximately \$10 per square foot. How many square feet can you help me with?"

**"Checks should be made payable to Thomas Smith and mailed to:
2701 Academy Drive, Westminster, MD 21157"**

"Any excess funds donated will come back to the church for future maintenance of the project. Thank you for your consideration! I am looking forward to completing my Eagle journey helping Wesley UMC."

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

- Our **BLUE BIN** for the Mission has arrived! Please feel free to share this information with your friends and family. Remember to **only put Men's, Women's, and Children's clothes and shoes in this bin** (no household items, please). This bin will be emptied every Monday.
- **Amazon Wish List:** The WRM has put together a "Wish List" for items that can be purchased online at Amazon. Financial contributions are definitely welcome, but some might enjoy purchasing something tangible to donate. The link for the Wish List is: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/26ZZHK0355VVK?ref=wl_share.

If you would like to contribute, purchase your choice of items and place them in the box in the Social Hall entranceway. If you have questions, please contact Pam Phillips at 410-596-0777.



Report from the Lay Member to Annual Conference: Matt Sichel



The United Methodist Church still sits on the precipice of division into two new denominations, based on differences over how to interpret Scripture and understandings of the essentials of the Christian faith. This has worked out practically in the subject of ministry among the LGBTQ community, but the division has now become broader. Two new denominations will form, with one being a legal continuation of the existing United Methodist Church, to be known (for now) as the Post Separation United Methodist Church (psUMC), and the other, The Global Methodist Church (GMC). The psUMC will inherit the larger UMC infrastructure, Boards and Agencies, and will have a more *progressive* or *liberal* viewpoint on theology and human sexuality, with a focus on social justice. This will include ordaining practicing LGBTQ clergy and performing

same-sex unions. The GMC will continue as a *traditionalist* or *conservative* denomination. It will emphasize local church oriented mission and ministry, focused on evangelism and recovering historic, traditional Methodist theology, with a traditionalist view on human sexuality.

The terms of the separation are laid out in a document called "The Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation," which was negotiated by a group of leaders from differing perspectives to end our 50-year stand-off around the subject of human sexuality. Believing that the dysfunction has caused so much disruption in the mission of the church, it was thought beneficial to simply amicably divide. Per the agreement, Annual Conferences and local churches would vote to decide which of the two denominations with which to align. Local churches who choose to move to the new GMC will take their property with them and own it outright (local churches are currently owned by the Annual Conference). After the division is complete, churches will be reorganized into new Conferences in whichever denomination they chose.

However, due to the pandemic, this process has been postponed twice. Originally scheduled for May, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN, the General Conference will now meet in August 2022 to enact the Protocol. These postponements were necessary because about 40% of United Methodists are outside of the United States and travel during the pandemic as well as gathering a group of 800+ delegates was judged impossible. Virtual gatherings were also ruled out due to lack of reliable internet for many delegates (especially in Africa). The Protocol is widely expected to pass the General Conference, and this will begin the process of sorting. If you have any questions about this, please see Rev. Amy, Laura Waltrup or myself.

A "Thank You" from the Takeout Tuesday Crew...

Dear Friends,

We served 113 dinners on Tuesday. Thank you so much for the generous donations of desserts. I also want to thank Hahn's for their very generous donation of the ham steaks. Thank you to all of the many workers that helped prepare the delicious meal.

We had a gentleman who stopped because he saw the sign and asked the guys about it. He shared with them that he and his wife take care of two elderly people and wondered if they could receive the meals. Once again we were able to provide for those in need in our community.

Thank you Wesley Church!!! *Vicky Wilmer*

Outreach Minutes • March 9, 2021

Members present: Connie Wiegel, Pam Phillips, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Cindy Myatt, Chet Phillips, and Vicky Wilmer.

Treasurer's Report: Our bills are all paid and up to date. We made \$19.00 on our takeout supper sale, but we have additional supplies to use in the future.

Meals: At this time we are currently not providing anyone with meals. Please contact Bonnie Catron if you have a need or know of anyone who is in need.

Rescue Mission: Every third Tuesday we will be providing meals for the clients at the mission. The bin for donations will hopefully be delivered soon [it has since been delivered.]

Takeout Tuesday: Takeout Tuesday will begin again on Tuesday, March 16th. We will be asking for green desserts. We will set up a signup sheet for helpers.

Rummage Sale: Our Rummage Sale is coming up on April 16-17 from 9-2. Cindy will set up a schedule for people to drop off things the week of the sale. Pam is in charge of coordinating the food we will be serving. UMW will be having a bake sale too.

Congregational Connection: Janet has been working on finding people to contact the members of the congregation. We have purchased postcards that can be sent as well.

Cold Weather Shelter: Janet has checked with the Cold Weather Shelter (it is now expanding to be year round) to see what their needs were at this time. They are in need of feminine hygiene products and frozen meals. Janet will purchase the meals and Linda has a connection for the feminine hygiene products.

Alpha Pregnancy Bottles are due back on March 28th.

UMCOR: We discussed the needs of UMCOR and decided to table this until the fall.

Compassion Sunday: We discussed hosting a Compassion Sunday and decided to table that until fall.

Shepherd's Staff: We decided to send a monetary donation to Shepherd's Staff for their Easter baskets since we have so few people attending church in person at this time. We voted to send \$250.

Our **next meeting** will be on Tuesday, April 13th, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.



Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • February 24, 2021

Attendees: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, Connie Wiegel, John Sies, Janet Martin, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Laura Waltrup, Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel, Denny Rill, Sandy Cole, Michelle Hudgins, Rennie Harris, Jennifer Ejk, Vicky Wilmer, and Jackie Otwell.

The **meeting started** at approximately 7:01 PM. Linda Yost shared a **devotional** based on a Psalm reading about establishing the work of our hands; we should ask for wisdom and guidance to use our gifts; we should let them be refined... and God will bless.

A **motion to accept the minutes from the January Administrative Council Meeting** was seconded and voted upon. All were in favor; none opposed. The motion carried.

Outreach Highlights—Vicky Wilmer

- The Drive-Thru Pancake Supper crew served 92 meals, with 20 going to the Westminster Rescue Mission and 10 to Dove House. The food and the help was excellent.
- Takeout Tuesday resumes on March 16th.
- Alpha Baby Bottles are available in the church or you can send your donations straight to Alpha. You can also contact Vicky Wilmer. Please still support this ministry. [See announcement in Journal.]

Spring Supper—March 20, 2021

- Thank you from Vicky to those who got the flyer materials to Vicky; all have gone out.
- Help will be needed for the supper.
- The UMW Bake Table will need goods
- Per Jan Graf, there are already around 40 orders received

Christian Education—Jennifer Ejk

- Jen Ejk, Jackie Otwell, and Patty Harris had a Christian Ed. Planning Meeting on February 9th. They discussed the possibility of returning in-person for some of the younger children on April 11th. Jen said that they were talking to us, then to the teachers. The time frame for in-person would be the Sunday after Easter until the end of May (six to seven weeks).
- Sandy Cole noted that per the news, some places were going to 50% attendance.
- Linda Yost thought that a pole of the teachers would be a good idea, as one of the teachers would not come back in-person.
- Vicky Wilmer noted that Carroll County schools are going back four days a week, and that it was worth it.
- The suggestion was made of a simple majority with the teachers, then a discussion with parents.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)—Jennifer Ejk

- Last summer, VBS [in a box] was good; we may have reached a lot of people we may not have before.
- The suggestion was made that perhaps we could have VBS at the end of the summer; that is a possibility, but August gets a bit cluttered.
- Rev. Amy noted that sometimes, VBSs for churches overlap. Perhaps we can see if there is a free week to catch the kids.
- Jen was asked to let the Council know what is needed.

United Methodist Women (UMW)—Connie Wiegel

- The UMW met through Zoom; there were six people. The unit is trying to stay together.
- There are two Bake Tables upcoming—March [Church Supper] and April (Rummage Sale).
- The group is meeting every two months to “stay alive.”

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- Jess Sichel asked about the status of the UMW. Per Connie, the group was having attendance issues even before COVID, though there was a new attender recently. The group is trying to stay together to support Linda Yost, who needs to be a member of a local church UMW group as President of the Conference UMW.
- Prior to COVID, the group enjoyed food and meeting at the Parsonage.

Worship—Janet Martin

- March 5th [World Day of Prayer / Prayer Vigil]: Prayer resources have been sent out. The sanctuary will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM. Prayers are needed for the Methodist Church.
- Janet enjoyed the devotional [from Rev. Amy?]
- April 1st: There will be a Holy Thursday worship service with a simple communion.
- April 2nd: On Good Friday, there will be a set-up of self-led Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary from 12 to 3 PM. Information about what to do at each station will be provided (these can be kid-oriented, as well). Help will be needed with the stations. There may be something like a shadow box at each station, and the walk will be through Jesus' stations of passion and Calvary Road. Lana Montgomery is the contact for volunteers; Janet will talk to Lana.
- April 4th: The blended Outdoor Easter Worship Service is still in planning.

Membership Secretary—Sandy Cole

- Sandy is working on Annual Statistics reports [for the Conference].
- Otherwise, things are business as usual.
- On a side note—attendance information for the Annual Stats reports are “on a wing and a prayer.” Laura's estimates of 40 for the outdoor worship services and 25 for indoor worship services are what Jess Sichel is probably going to go with.

Visitation—Reenie Harris

- Currently not meeting; Reenie is thinking about that.
- Sending out some cards and making some calls.

Finance—Michelle Hudgins

- The first meeting of the year was February 18th; this was also Michelle's first time as chair.
- Laura does an excellent job as Treasurer.
- There is some concern regarding the finances. We were close to the budget by the end of the year. The Payroll Protection Plan helped a lot. Recently, there was a re-evaluation. Our tithes and offerings are not yet meeting [our goals]. Rev. Amy has provided a letter that is transparent but upbeat. Laura and Michelle will follow up.
- Plate/envelope offerings are down and/or congregants are giving in “lump sums.” Vanco payments are up since last year; without Vanco, we would be in a more difficult situation. Scheduled donations provide a consistent source of income. However, because of weather service issues and people not attending in person, there is a big dip. Around Easter, things often pick up, but it is a tough time. Our income is down about \$7,000 for January and February.
- Laura will work on statistical reports on 2/27-2/28.

Lay Member to Annual Conference—Matt Sichel

- Per a source, The Commission on General Conference met on the 20th. There should be a press release on Friday—Monday, at the latest. The Commission is very tight-lipped; there has not be word one way or another about the status of the 2021 General Conference. It is possible that there could be a “virtual” General Conference with each country meeting in groups in safe spaces. The hope would be to take up only necessary legislations, such as the election of Bishops and the setting of the budget. It may be that there is a meeting at the end of August/beginning of September.
- There is a lot of anxiety. The UMC has reached a “boiling point.”

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- Laura Waltrup said that personally, if the General Conference does happen, that is an indication of a decision being made. If so, then more conversation and decision needs to be made [about the possible separation of the UMC].
- Rev. Amy said that both the church and the clergy will each need to decide which way to go .
- The Protocol for Separation allows the local church until 2024 to make the decision; this is subject to debate on the conference floor.

Trustees – Linda Yost

- Working to maintain the church. A few small repairs have been done; larger ones will be dealt with in the Spring.
- There needs to be a good snow removal plan in effect. The Lippys clear the parking lot free of charge, but had a miscommunication [which led to a cancelled worship service]. Trustees is continuing to work on snowfalls.
- The Boy Scout Troop [380] had a scout and parent attend whose mom/wife was home with COVID; the scout and parent should have quarantined. This was discovered half an hour into the Scout meeting, at which point the meeting was shut down. We have been away long enough and Calvin has been very thorough in cleaning.
- Connie Wiegel asked about having an exterminator in the kitchen, as there is a lot of mice dirt there. Linda called and left a voice mail for Gordon Benson; she will follow up.

Youth Representative—Rose Sichel

- Rose is interested in the reproduction of Noah's Ark [in Kentucky].

How has God blessed you?

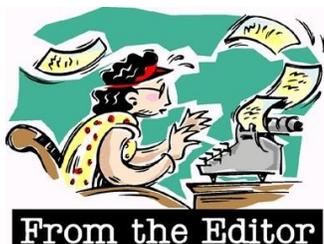
- Jess Sichel: Jess has been using the prayer app "Lectio365" and recommends it.
- Sandy Cole: Sandy and Irby both had COVID around the same time. Sandy also had pneumonia and lasting/reoccurring symptoms. Neither Sandy nor Irby was hospitalized, thankfully. Sandy Still has weakness and breathing concerns. Rev. Amy gave praise to God for their healing!
- Matt Sichel: Matt has met so many amazing people, even with the difficulty. Especially, he has seen how the African churches are. One African church has 600 members under the age of 40. God is doing amazing things on the continue. It is like reading the Book of Acts. Though the denomination is moving towards division, it is great to experience things like this.

Janet Martin will be providing the devotional next time.

Laura closed us with prayer at 8:07 PM. [Additional committee reports available upon request.]

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary

From the Editor...



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



APRIL 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held in-person at 10 AM and outdoors when the weather is good.</p>	<p>The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person.</p>			<p>¹ Holy Thursday Communion Worship Service 7 PM</p>	<p>² Good Friday "Stations of the Cross" in the Church Sanctuary: Open 12 to 3 PM Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>⁴ Happy Resurrection Sunday! 10 AM Outdoor Blended Worship Service</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>⁶ Take-Out Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 PM</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 Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>¹³ Take-Out Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 PM Outreach 6 PM</p>	<p>¹⁴ Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM SPRC 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>¹⁵ <i>May Journal Submissions Due Today!</i></p>	<p>16 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Rummage Sale! 9 AM to 2 PM</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>¹⁸ 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>²⁰ Take-Out Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 PM</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 Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>²⁷ Book Club 1 PM in Fellowship Hall Take-Out Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 PM</p>	<p>²⁸ Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	

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WORSHIP

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These 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 28: Liturgist—Linda Yost
- April 4: Blended Outdoor Worship; Liturgist—Stephanie Halley
- April 11: Liturgist—Linda Hollman
- April 18: Contemporary Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp
- April 25: Liturgist—Jess Sichel



Look Inside for...

- The **Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**, a flyer for the **Spring Rummage Sale**, information about the **Parsonage Pavilion to be built, and more!**



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