



*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...

Happy Summer! As I write this, it is a gorgeous sunny day outside, temperatures in the low 70s, with a light breeze out of the north. It just doesn't get much better than this!

My brothers and sisters, we have been through A LOT over the last fifteen months. We have had to put all sorts of restrictions in place as our world battled Covid-19. We have also managed to be open in-person for all but eight weeks of it, and began wonderful ministries...outdoor worship and Take-Out Tuesday...to name just a few. Our capacity for reaching people online has expanded in a very short time. We have been safe, open for the most part, and continued our work, being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. I am grateful to all of you! Thank you.

“While we have the opportunity, let us take a cue from Jesus and ‘go apart and rest for a awhile.’”

Summertime has arrived, and it is time to take a break. It is time to renew to re-connect with family and friends we may not have seen in a long time and refresh our spirits. Denny and I are going to Colorado this summer. I haven't

seen my daughter, Sarah, since December of 2019. We will be visiting her and doing some exploring in the Rocky Mountain region. I hope that you, also, will have time to get away for awhile, and spend time with loved ones. My prayer is that you will find the Lord's peace and rest for your soul.

We will continue to worship every Sunday at 10 AM outdoors (weather permitting), alternating contemporary and traditional styles by week. Please enjoy this more laid-back worship context, and remember to bring a friend or family member(s) with you. Wesley United Methodist Church is a unique treasure and it

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should be shared with others! The more the merrier. We will also be having Vacation Bible School the first week in August. This VBS is for all ages, and will be held in the evening to accommodate working parents. See the flyer in this edition of the Wesley Journal for more information.

It is my intention to get Wesley UMC worship and programming back to its pre-pandemic schedule this fall. While we have the opportunity, let us take a cue from Jesus and “go apart and rest for a awhile.”

Have a blessed summer!

Love, Rev. Amy



- 1 John Redding, Jr.
- 2 Zack Hohmes
- 4 Greg Wiegel
- 5 Logan Deane
- 6 Breiah Graf
- 8 Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill
- 10 Jonathon Otwell
- 14 Wayne Horner
- 16 Leah Schaefer
- 19 Melissa Phillips Jones
- 20 Charles "Chip" Weaver
- 24 Rose Sichel
- 25 Courtney Horner
- 25 Laura Hollman
Zilberman
- 27 Kaitlyn O'Bryne
- 28 Rowan Smith
- 30 Barbara Sater
- 31 Mackenzie Weaver

- 4 Evan Thompson
- Vicky Wilmer
- 5 Martha Harris
- Michael Hughes, Jr.
- Davona Palmer
- 6 Lyla Montgomery
- Dean Sies
- 9 Emmitt Green
- Angela Mahosky
- Storm Smith
- 12 Preston Reilly
- 13 Stanley Harrell
- Reenie Harris
- Mike Sichel
- 15 Pat Daugherty
- Isaac Sichel
- 16 Selena Brewer
- Craig Williams
- 18 Stacey Stauffer
- 19 Jason Montgomery
- 20 Gordon Benson
- 21 Debi Chaney
- Stacey Graf
- 22 Philip Peake
- Thomas Smith
- 24 Serita Kuhn
- 26 Ellen Yurgealitis
- 28 Brad Hohmes
- Lisa Kemp
- 29 Carson Jansson
- Garrett Martin
- Taylor Martin
- Trisha Sater
- 31 Peggy Horner



- 2 George & Jocelyn Davey
- 4 Chuck & Linda Hollman
- 10 Charlie & Carol O'Bryne
- 17 Jim & Nanette Lishman
- 18 Chet & Pam Phillips
- 23 Dan (Jr.) & Lindsey Baumiller
- 29 Roy & Belinda Rill
- Darwin & Pat Sater



- 1 Michael & Lisa Martin
- 5 Philip & Kim Peake
- 7 Gordon & Brenda Benson
- 12 Wilson & Patricia Harris
- 13 Matthew & Darilyn Thompson
- 21 Jonathan & Linda Yost
- 30 Alex & Megan Myatt



- 1 Leo Smith
- 3 Phillip Daugherty
- Laura Miller
- Olivia Zachman

Our Condolences...

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Howard Wesley (Wes) Senseney, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021. May God hold you close as you mourn Wes's passing and celebrate his life.



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
Room 139
3332 Main St.
Manchester, MD 21102

Jean Colton

Sunrise Senior Living
Room 103
45 Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 857-9013



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



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.

Updated Email Address: **Randy Kurtz**, sailingmagic.rkurtz@gmail.com



"Thank You"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We count your partnership with Alpha among our sweetest blessings! Your kindness continually encourages our hearts, especially during these uncertain times. Thank You so much for your participation in our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your Church family collected \$433.30! May it give you great joy to know that your generosity will have an eternal impact on the lives of the precious families that we serve.

With a Very Thankful Heart, Janice for Alpha

"Helping Up Mission" "NOW IT'S UP TO US"

"By God's Grace Transforming Broken Lives... _Restoring Families... Providing Hope!"

...We are so pleased that a generous donation was made in your [memory] to support camp kids. These kids are special in the lives of our residents and many would not get the opportunity to attend Camp with support like Wesley UMC.

God bless you, Martha

Dear Friends:

You are about to change a child's life! Your generous gift of \$1,530.00 to Helping Up Mission has arrived to help sponsor a disadvantaged child for summer camp — truly an answer to prayer.

Because you care, a child is about to embark on the camp experience of a lifetime — a time of fun, friends, encouragement, and confidence boosting they'll never forget. And not only will they get to enjoy the wonderful outdoors God created, they will also discover that He cares about them personally and has a plan for their life.

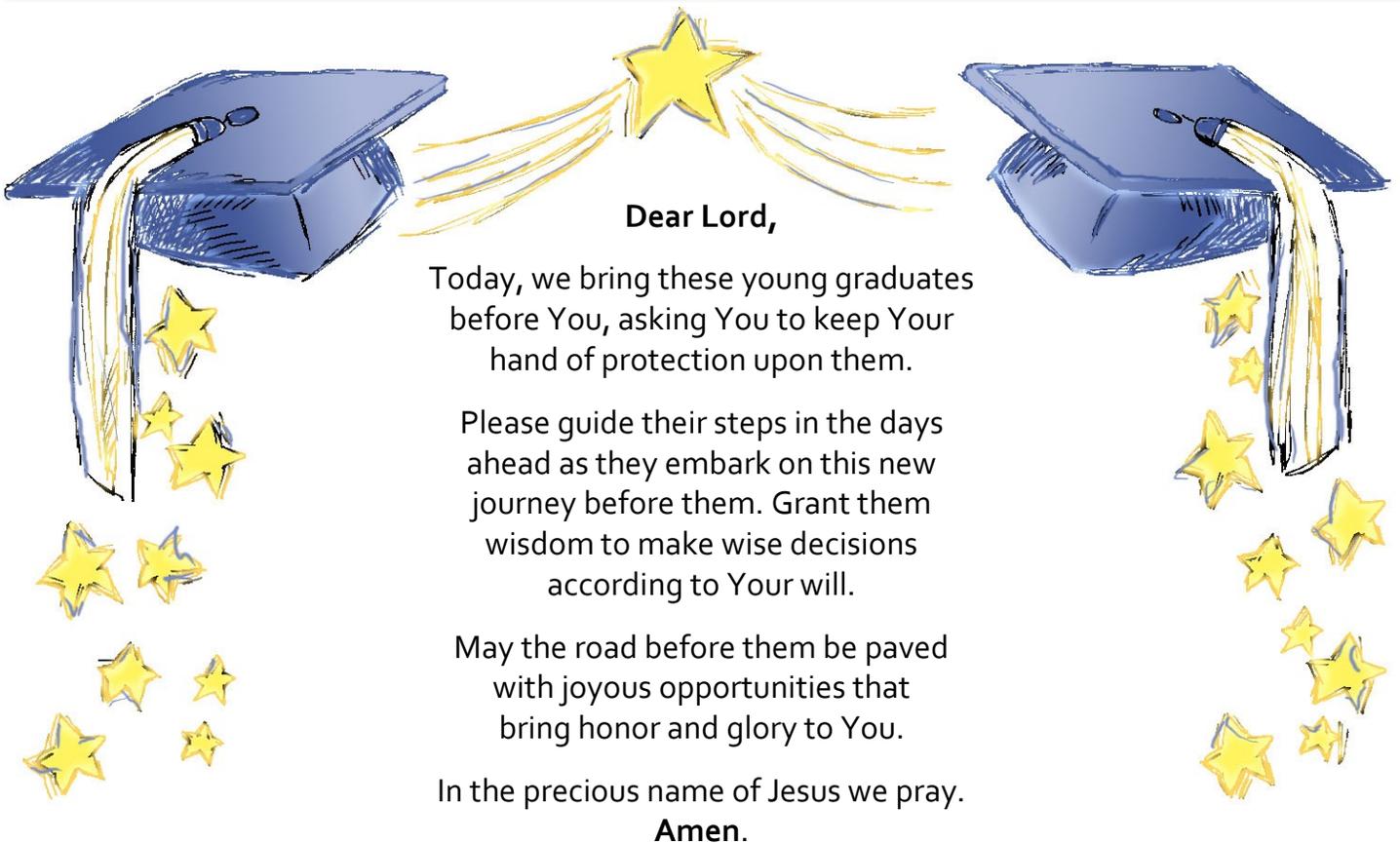
After the year we all have had—especially the kids—your act of generosity is a godsend. So, thank you for your kind support ... and for touching young lives with hope when they need it the most.

Gratefully, Robert K. Gehman, Chief Executive Officer

Weekly Prayer Time for Wesley's Future

In August of 2022, it is highly likely that the General Conference of the UMC will discuss and pass a Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. As a result, Wesley UMC members will need to vote on the future of our local congregation. **Now** is the time to ask for God's guidance as we go through this phase. **Let us join together in prayer every Tuesday evening at 7 PM**, asking for the Lord to guide us and grant us peace, patience, and understanding. **Simply stop where you are and pray as you feel led.** May God bless our time in conversation with Him.

Congratulations, Graduates!!



Celebrating Our 2021 Graduates:

Vince Reilly

Graduate of Stevenson University

Diana Crochunis

Graduate of Manchester Valley High School

Tommy Smith

Graduate of Manchester Valley High School

Kate Ejk

Graduate of Westminster High School

Christie Ejk

Graduate of Westminster High School

Gwyn Montgomery

Graduate of Century High School

A Letter From the Pastor

Dear Confirmation Age Friends:



Do you want to join Wesley United Methodist Church? Do you want to confirm the promises made on your behalf by your parents when you were baptized? If you haven't been baptized yet, would you like to be? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might like to take confirmation classes this upcoming school year (2021-2022). In confirmation classes, you will learn what it means to be a Christian, and especially a United Methodist Christian. It will be an interesting and fun part of your spiritual journey. You will know so much when you are confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2022. I promise! It is a wonderful experience you will never forget.

That said, confirmation is a serious step. It will require commitment on your part, and there are some rules that go along with the process. First, preparing to join a church takes time and confirmation will need to be a priority. Second, you must be available on a couple of weekends when we take field trips. You will also need to visit three churches outside of the United Methodist tradition, and you will need to be present at Wesley UMC worship services every Sunday except when you are visiting another church. Third, you will need to attend class every week. I will do my best to accommodate your schedules, but please know that there are only two (2) *excused* absences allowed per school term and these absences will need to be made up outside of class time. Fourth, you will need to find a mentor who will "travel" the confirmation journey with you. This is someone you admire in the church, who will pray for you and help you learn about what it means to be a Christian. Fifth, and perhaps most importantly, confirmation should be something *YOU* want to do. If your parents are making you do it, you won't enjoy the process nearly as much. Please think about and pray about whether this is the right step for you and the right time to do it.

There will need to be at least two students in a class for confirmation classes to happen this year. Please let me know by e-mail: revamys@aol.com if you are interested. I am looking forward to getting to know you better, and helping you learn what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. I hope to hear from you soon!

Blessings and grace,

Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

Worship Services for the Summer

Throughout our summer schedule, we will hold our 10 AM Worship Service outdoors in the church yard (weather permitting). If the weather is foul, we will move indoors.

Worship services will continue to be streamed online on our website (<https://wesleychurch-hampstead.org>) and on our YouTube Channel (<https://tinyurl.com/wvzrvqks>).



GriefShare Program Resumes September 7th



GriefShare Program to start up *September 7th* running for 14 weeks through *December 7th*. There are 13 weeks working from the workbook and video ... then *November 16th* will be devoted to the special viewing of "Surviving the Holidays". We will be meeting every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the church library. Prior to the start-up date, we will be distributing pamphlets in the surrounding community as well as welcoming those in our Wesley family who have lost loved ones. This is an excellent program to show us how important a role God plays in helping us through our journey of grief. Please talk to Bonnie Catron and/or Reenie Harris if you have questions or are interested in participating.

After-Church Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch has resumed gathering, meeting the last Sunday of each month. We will decide from month to month as to which restaurant we will be going. All are welcome!

News from the Book Club



Wesley Book Club has returned to meeting at **MJ's Cafe & Baking Co.** on the last Thursday of each month. Note the time change to **NOON**. Happy Summer Reading!

Reenie Harris  

We have selected the following reads for the summer months:

- **July 29th** - For Whom The Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemmingway
- **August 26th** - The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel
- **September 30th** - The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.

Planned Giving

"It is not enough to look back. We need to look forward. There is much that needs to be done (children taught, the sick visited, those who mourn to be comforted, and those in trouble to be helped). Wesley is to stand as a beacon to the love and power of God; its members are to be rays spreading out to give light in a dark world"

– Excerpted from Material Prepared for Wesley's Bicentennial (1987)

Wesley has a rich history, a wonderful present, and a future full of promise. How can we, living in the present, help plant the seeds for our church's future? Consider remembering our Wesley UMC in your Last Will and Testament. Planned giving is one way to provide a legacy to your commitment to Christ, helping Wesley to continue to stand as that "beacon to the love and power of God." Talk to your family. Talk to your advisors. Learn more. One source of information on planned giving is the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation, Inc. You can find them on the web at maumlegacy.org. At Wesley, feel free to contact Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



July & August Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

July 4: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 11: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 18: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25: 2 Samuel 11:1-14; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

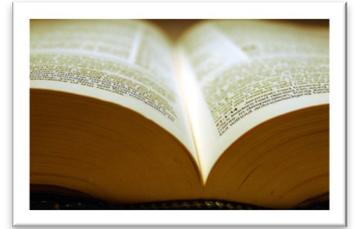
August 1: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 8: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 15: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 22: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 29: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Olde Time Church Picnic

Come join us on **Sunday, September 12th** under the shade of the trees in the parsonage immediately following the worship service.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and **drinks** will be provided.

Please bring a **side dish or dessert** to share. Also, bring a **lawn chair** or blanket.



There will be **games** and **fun** for all.

A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts will be in the back of the church or outside on the lawn.

Come and bring the entire family!





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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Description – Youth Group Leader

Salary - \$15/hour, 5 hours/week, based upon 44 weeks annually, totaling \$3,300

Start Date - September, 2021

Description: Develop a spiritually-driven youth program for grades 6 through 12. Program should be consistent with United Methodist theology and polity and be designed to inspire youth in our local community to serve Jesus Christ. Position requires a paid 90-day probationary period.

Supervision: Pastor; Chairperson Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Duties and Responsibilities: Design, develop, and manage a comprehensive and vibrant Christian youth group program for 6th through 12th graders, working closely with the Pastor to assure program meets United Methodist standards. Provide spiritual leadership to youth. Maintain logs of completed tasks, current events, and future activities in addition to presenting the church leadership with regular summary reports. Attend/submit report to Wesley Administrative Council monthly meetings; participate and assist leadership with the planning of Christian events, activities and camp for youth involvement such as: ROCK and community service projects. Complete Safe Sanctuary requirements and incorporate these skills, policies and procedures into the youth program; other duties as assigned by the Pastor, Wesley SPRC and/or Administrative Council.

Minimum Qualifications: Self-motivated leader with excellent communication skills. Proficient with computer programs, internet research and related tools for marketing and promotion; adept at various social media including but not limited to texting, emails, Facebook, twitter, etc. Prior professional training and/or education in Christian youth ministry is desired but not required. Ability to successfully complete a criminal background check and fingerprint verification is mandatory. Provide references upon request.

Contact: Forward resumes with cover letter via mail, or email to Linda S. Yost, Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee, LJYost@verizon.net.



Wesley VBS 2021 - Family Style!!

"Rocky Railway"

Monday, August 2nd, Wednesday, August 4th, and Friday, August 6th

6:15—7:30 PM

"Climb Aboard" with us as we take a railway adventure! This theme will help kids learn more about "trusting Jesus" and how he gives us the strength we need each day! **We also will be having a special visit from some amazing alpacas on Monday, August 2nd! This year's Outreach project will be raising money for Operation Kid-to-Kid. The money raised will go to providing alpacas to families in Ecuador. Wesley Church Worldwide!**

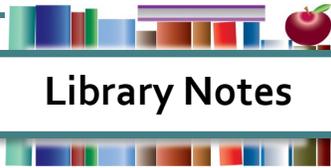
This year, our VBS will take place 3 evenings during the first week in August. **Those dates are August 2nd, 4th and 6th from 6:15-7:30. Sign up for 1 night, 2 nights or 3 nights!** Parents are highly encouraged to attend with their children to take part in this Railway adventure as we will be limited in volunteers this year. Let's have fun moving through stations and listening to a Bible story, creating a craft, and learning words and motions to the COOL VBS songs!!

We will not be having a closing program and pre-registration is required as capacity will be limited.

To register, please click on the below to complete the proper form:

[2021 Vacation Bible School Registration Form](#)

Have questions? Contact Jen Ejk at jenniferejk@yahoo.com or call her at (443) 474-2269.



Library Notes

During the summer months, we tend to do a myriad of things: vacationing, gardening, reading, relaxing, catching up on filing and some unwanted tasks, and generally recharging. Let's not forget the most important thing to do during the summer: read the Word of God and study His meaning and tasks for us to complete for the glory of His name! We hope you can find something in the Harrell Library for you these upcoming summer months. Enjoy and have a terrific summer!

[FOR MEMORIZING] *100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know by Heart* by Robert J. Morgan (232.1) With the immediacy of Internet searches and ease of handheld devices, the custom of memorizing Scripture may not seem necessary, but best-selling author Robert J. Morgan makes an airtight case for reviving this rewarding practice in *100 Verses Everyone Should Know by Heart*. In a series of brief opening chapters, Morgan prepares us for this old way of thinking and then presents his experienced list of 100 crucial verses, providing sidebar notes, quotes, and memorization tips for each. Betsy Sennett was inspired by this text and used it for her Ash Wednesday devotional in our Wesley Lenten Devotional Book.

[FOR RESTORING] *A Disciple's Heart: Growing in Love and Grace* by James A. Harnish (232). This two-book set (Daily Workbook and Companion Reader) facilitates the process of restoring a relationship with God and others, and reshaping life into the likeness of Christ. It can help you develop your own daily spiritual practice and define next steps for growth. The Workbook contains six weeks of daily readings (five per week), each including a scripture, a message for the day, questions and prompts for personal reflection, and a guide to prayer and action. The Companion Reader offers a deeper understanding of each week's theme from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective.

[FOR DISCOVERING] *Anonymous: Discovering the Somebody You Are to God* by Cindi Wood (232). This Bible Study is for the person who feels anonymous: overlooked, rejected, or discounted. It explores the stories of four anonymous women of the Bible who were known and remembered not by their names but by their circumstances, and who were judged, hurting, ordinary, and felt shame. As you consider their stories, experience the life-changing power of God's mercy and grace. Our library set includes a student's book and leader's kit.

[FOR TEACHERS] *Apples and Chalkdust* by Vicki Caruana (240) These true-to-life meditations, compiled by a veteran educator, are glowing with extraordinary insight and practical inspiration to help you renew your perspective. As you reflect on your calling and balance your outlook, you'll be encouraged to meet each day's classroom challenges with fresh energy. It will carry you the whole year through.

[FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TRIVIA] *Bible Trivia Book: New Testament – Church* by Barbara Morse Priest and Wayne Priest (226). These are 420 Bible Trivia questions on the New Testament with an emphasis on the early church. Answers are at the back of the book.

[FOR ALL OF US] *Cast of Characters* by Max Lucado (232) Common people...story after story marked by scandal, stumble, and intrigue. Who are these people? They're the people of the Bible. And they're us. In the midst of them all...hovering over them all... is the hero of it all: God. Maker. Shaper. Rescuer of sinking hearts. God. Passing out high callings, second chances, and moral compasses to all comers and takers. In this gathering of inspiring stories from his numerous best-selling books, master storyteller Max Lucado revisits some of his favorite biblical characters—all of whom were very human and imperfect, just like us.

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

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • May 26, 2021

Attendees: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill (Chairperson), Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Matt Sichel, Jessica Sichel, Rose Sichel, Dennis Rill, Jackie Otwell, Sandy Cole, John Sies, Michelle Hudgins, Vicky Wilmer, and Janet Martin.

The **meeting opened** at 7 PM. Matt Sichel offered a **devotion** from *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. The devotion he used was for March 12th and was based on Mark 10:28. Essentially, we want things for our own good and things in return for our “abandonment” to God, not for God’s Good. We need real abandonment for Jesus Christ. Matt then led us in prayer. Linda Yost will lead us in June devotions.

Last Month’s Minutes: No corrections were offered by attendees for the previous month’s minutes.

Issue Needing Vote:

- **Outdoor Food Pantry:** The Outreach committee came with a proposal to set up an outdoor food pantry. It would measure 5 feet by 32 inches by 2 feet. It would be outside of the glass doors against the wall under cover of the eave. It would have a plexiglass cover on the front. The pantry would be for anyone who was in need of something (whether that be something someone can’t afford or something someone was missing from his/her kitchen).
 - ◇ Jess Sichel noted that it will block part of the camera facing the parking lot at eye level; however, it was also noted that the camera would pick up any issues that might come up.
 - ◇ The pantry would be stocked by all of the congregation.

A vote was taken: All were in favor with none against and no abstentions.

Outreach: Vicky Wilmer

- Takeout Tuesday will end on June 29th. Last night, 140 fried chicken meals were served.
- Back-to-Church/School Picnic will be on 9/12/21, which is the first Sunday we are scheduled to be back to Christian Education (and hopefully, our regularly scheduled Sunday morning program). Rev. Amy is planning for two services with Sunday School.

Christian Education: Jackie Otwell

- It was good to have Sunday School come back in-person. At the end of the “school year,” there was a small group that went to the strawberry patch at Baugher’s.
- Linda Yost, Patty Harris, and Bonnie Catron will continue teaching next year.
- We have had our last scheduled Sunday School of the year.
- Christian Education was to meet on June 8th, but will reschedule.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be “Rocky Railway,” and the meetings will be in the evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM on August 2nd, 4th, and 6th.
 - ◇ The thought at the moment is that there will be three “rotations” between singing, a craft, and a lesson, with a take-home snack, as well.
 - ◇ The service project to be supported is “Operation Kid to Kid” [<https://mycause.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1444>]. (Jackie also suggested that donations be taken up for the new food pantry, as well, which was agreed to.)
 - ◇ Live alpacas will also be visiting at VBS (Rev. Amy was very excited).
 - ◇ There is a **Google Form for registration** ([click here](#)). There is also a **Google Form for volunteers** ([click here](#)). Volunteers will be needed to prepare materials, work on woodwork/crafts, help with a singing station, help with a lesson station, (etc.). Most of the set up should be for outside, but ideas for indoors are welcome!
- We are [or will be] using advertising through Facebook, word of mouth, and the website.
- Jessie will print out copies of the Journal Flyer to be distributed.

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Finance: Michelle Hudgins

- Laura Waltrup, Treasurer, sent out financial information via email ahead of time. We are currently doing better than the budget for the year, but there is some concern about the summer “dip.”
- Another letter was sent out to follow Rev. Amy’s previous letter; this one was more of a “thank you” letter and included financial statements.
- Youth Group Leader: We have enough funds for the final quarter of the year to support this position. The need was about \$1,100 for the rest of the calendar year. The UMW gave \$4 to \$500, and there was \$600 left over in the wreath fundraiser fund. The funding for the position will go into the 2022 budget.
- Michelle is working on a pamphlet for Planned Giving.
- The fund balance report will be due in June. It was last done in 2018. We have volunteers for auditing internally this year, but finance will check with the person who audited us before to do the next external audit next year.
- Helping Up Mission has sponsorships available for city children to go to camps outside of the city. Outreach is sponsoring 5 days of camp; 15 additional days will be sponsored through the Lucy Harrell campership endowment.
- Linda Yost and Cherie Hughes will eventually resume capital fundraising activit(ies).

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Linda Yost

- The job description for the Youth Group Leader is complete. It has been/will be published in the Baltimore-Washington Conference E-Connection, the Wesley Journal, and our Sunday bulletins. The Leader must be at least 21 years old due to Safe Sanctuaries (can be a parent or any adult who wants to step up). It was noted that for driving, the Leader might have to be at least 25 years old. Parental involvement will still be needed. The job description should be published on our website, on Facebook, and so forth. [As yet there has not been any response. The goal is to have someone in position by September, 2021 (this information provided in advance of the meeting by Linda Yost).]
- The Annual Review of our Custodian, Calvin Lucy, was held. All SPRC members agree that Calvin has been exemplary in the last year.

Trustees: Linda Yost (minutes below provided in advance)

- Trustees met in person and virtually on May 5, 2021.
- Mike Sichel will contact both Carroll Harris and Sigmond to price out replacing the ac/heating unit in the Church office.
- Some gutters and downspouts have been replaced along the Educational wing outside of the Choir room. Hoping this will solve the leaking problem.
- Gordon Benson will be ordering 7 yards of mulch from Schaeffer. Gordon will email the Trustees with a few dates soon to do mulching work.
- Tommy Smith continues to raise funds for his Eagle Scout pavilion project.
- Gordon will spray the weeds in the parking lot with weedkiller.
- Culligan Water has placed new filters in the reverse osmosis water system.
- Girl Scouts have requested to meet again. All Trustees agreed that the GS will need to be responsible for cleaning the room(s) that they use including tables, chairs, light switches, doorknobs, and bathroom. Linda will reach out to the leader to let her know they can meet. After discussion, the leaders decided that, at this time, they will continue to meet outside, weather permitting. They have asked and been granted permission to meet this Friday, May 28th, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the social hall.
- The basement under the kitchen gets wet when it rains hard. The Boy Scouts have stored equipment there which would be detrimental if exposed to too much moisture. There is a possibility that some of their equipment could be stored in the parsonage garage. This will require further dialogue. [Further dialogue was held during the Ad. Council Meeting, and it was noted that the youth use parsonage garage when active.]
- The Meditation Garden near the cemetery is in need of attention. Both benches need repair and staining, and the gardens need weeding and replanting. Phillip Daugherty will contact Robert Kirby to see if the Scouts could work on it.

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Lay Member to Annual Conference: Matt Sichel

- The Baltimore-Washington Conference (BWC) will begin sharing a Bishop with the Peninsula Delaware Conference. It is the first time in 30 years that the BWC has shared a Bishop. The root cause is that there are not enough members in churches in the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) (from Maine to West Virginia) to support all of the current Bishop positions. There are two retiring NEJ Bishops who are not being replaced. The sharing of the Bishop was discussed among the 2016 General Conference Delegation, which was able to postpone it, but that is not possible now. The Bishop is to begin receiving help from Erica Robinson Johnson, the Chief Administrative Officer of the two conferences.
- In the Peninsula Delaware conference, 15 churches have withdrawn from conference membership (disaffiliated). One of these churches is "progressive," while fourteen of them are "traditional." Previously, General Conference had made a provision from the 2019 Special Session to allow for disaffiliation of churches. However, because the provision was in question due to voting irregularities at the Special Session, the BWC did not move forward with the practical application of the provision for BWC churches. The Peninsula Delaware Conference did allow it. Since then, the Judicial Council has decided that it is "legal" to allow churches to leave (paragraph 2553 in the Book of Discipline). While lots of churches in many places [outside of the BWC] have done this (becoming independent churches), Matt Sichel is urging churches to stay until the passing of the Protocol for Separation, as the current disaffiliation process is not a great way to leave the denomination. While it is unsettling for some congregations to remain with the UMC for now, the requirements for the current provision are not necessarily in the best interest of the churches.

Updated Guidelines: The BWC has lifted COVID-19 restrictions for vaccinated persons; however, unvaccinated persons are still advised to be careful. Rev. Amy is counseling caution as we continue the process of getting things back to normal.

Membership Secretary: Sandy Cole

- Sandy Cole is working on updated addresses for the congregation. [Thank you, Sandy!]

~ The **UMM** are meeting on June 7th at 6:30 PM with a meal.

~ The **UMW** are meeting on June 8th at 1 PM to assemble hygiene kits.

The meeting closed at 8:03 PM with Jess Sichel "praying us out." **The next meeting will be June 23rd at 7 PM.** We will then skip July and meet again in August.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary

From the Editor...



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

- **Submissions for the September Journal (including meeting dates) should be turned in no later than August 15th.**
- Submissions for the bulletin should be turned in by Wednesday.

Thanks for your help with keeping the congregation informed!

Jess Sichel



JULY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Worship Schedule: Worship services are being held in-person at 10 AM and outdoors through the summer.</p>	<p>The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person.</p>		1	2 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	3
4 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service	5	6	7 Office CLOSED Visitation 12 PM at J&Ps No Trustees Meeting	8	9 Office CLOSED	10
Happy Independence Day!	Secretary Away			Rev. Amy Away		
11 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service Linda Yost Preaching	12 Christian Ed. Small Team Meeting 7 PM	13 No Outreach Meeting	14 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM No SPRC Meeting	15	16 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	17
	Secretary Away			Rev. Amy Away		
18 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service Matt Sichel Preaching	19	20	21 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM No Finance Meeting	22	23 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	24
	Rev. Amy Away					
25 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service After-Church Lunch Bunch After Worship	26 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	27 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	28 Office CLOSED No Administrative Council Meeting	29 Book Club 12 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co.	30 Office CLOSED	31
					Church Reserved for VBS Setup	



AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service <i>Church Reserved for VBS Setup</i></p>	<p>2 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Vacation Bible School 6:15 to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>3 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>4 Visitation 12 PM at J&P's Office CLOSED No Trustees Meeting Vacation Bible School 6:15 to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Office CLOSED Vacation Bible School 6:15 to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM No SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>12 Worship Committee Meeting 7 PM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10 AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service <i>September Journal Submissions Due!</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Finance 7 PM (virtual)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 10 AM Outdoor Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM Administrative Council 7 PM</p>	<p>26 Book Club 12 PM at MJ's Café & Baking Co.</p>	<p>27 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	<p>28</p>
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SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18 (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.

Worship Participants for July:

- July 4: Cont. Worship Leader—Lana Montgomery
- July 11: Liturgist—Linda Hollman
- July 18: Cont. Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp
- July 25: Liturgist—Jess Sichel

Worship Participants for August:

- August 1: Cont. Worship Leader—Lana Montgomery
- August 8: Liturgist—Laura Waltrup
- August 15: Cont. Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp
- August 22: Liturgist—Matt Sichel
- August 29: Liturgist—TBA

Look Inside for...

- A Call for Confirmation Candidates,
- The Job Description for an Employment Opportunity (Youth Group Leader),
 - A Church Picnic Flyer **...and more!**

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