



*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...

### "Changes"

I have been thinking a lot about changes lately. Our collective lives have been full of them over the past year and a half. If you are like me, watching the evening news these days has been disconcerting. Covid-19, the end of the war in Afghanistan, virtual school vs. in-person school, church in-person vs. church online, "to mask or not to mask, that is the question," vaccines and anti-vaxxers, working at home vs. working at the workplace, overcrowded hospitals, global warming (and associated wildfires, hurricanes, and ocean level rise)...to name just a few

of the major situations that are "*unprecedented ongoing sagas*." (How is that for an oxymoron?) Even the leaves on the trees are changing color. We humans have been going through a lot together.

**"P**erhaps you, like me, have learned that control is an illusion. Better to expect the unexpected.

We have been going through a lot individually, too. Many of us have lost loved ones during the pandemic. Some of us have lost friends over political allegiances, vaccination/mask preferences, or the general moodiness that comes when we feel as though we are languishing. Perhaps we, too, have experienced health crises or despair over feeling isolated from people we love. Change is *hard!!!*

As a pastor who has seen a lot of birth, death (and just about everything in-between) in journeying alongside the people I have served, I found out years ago that trying to control what happens in our lives, both individually or collectively, is useless. The best way to make God laugh is to tell God your plans, right? We never know what the future holds, and change is one of life's unflinching certainties. Perhaps you, like me, have learned that control is an illusion. Better to expect the unexpected.

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**Come and grow in discipleship,  
 then worship the Lord, for He is Good!**

**9:30 AM** Sunday School for All Ages

**10:30 AM:** Fellowship Time

**11 AM** Traditional Worship (Contemporary Worship on the 4th Sunday of the Month)



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- 24 John & Deanna Sies
- 25 Bryce & Serita Kuhn
- 29 Paul & Lisa Kemp
- 31 Wayde & Susan Smith



### Updating Your Info.

Please contact Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary, by e-mail at [bal-dor1@comcast.net](mailto:bal-dor1@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.



### Congratulations!

Marcus Ray and Gemma Sue were born to Mindy and Allen Dehority on August 23, 2021. Mindy is the daughter of Patricia and Roger Daugherty and grand-daughter of Stanley Harrell.

### Contact Information Updates:

**The Matthew & Darilyn (Peake) Thompson Family**  
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### Family and Friends to Keep in Prayer (Cards and Calls Welcome!)



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Westminster, MD 21157  
(410) 857-9013



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



Thank you all for your prayers [for my friend Jody]. Jody was a loving, kind special friend and will be greatly missed. I am so grateful for my Wesley Church family for your love and support to help share the sorrows and the joys of life. God's blessings to you all for your kindness and love so freely shared.

***Michelle Hudgins***

Thank you for all of the support that our church has shown Nancy after the death of Charles Peake. Meals for her and her brother John. Nancy says Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. For the visits that brought comfort and for the food that brought a smile to their faces. Also Thank You for the cards and expression of sympathies. This church family is amazing and a perfect example of Christian love!



***Kim and Phil Peake, Nancy Peake and John Redman***

We want to thank you all for the abundance of well wishes, thoughts, prayers and cards in regards to the arrival of our twins. All are truly appreciated!

***Thank you! Mindy, Allen, Sloane, Marcus and Gemma Dehority***

To the person making a donation in honor of Lucy Harrell to the Helping Up Mission in Baltimore: I received a notice from the Mission that a donation had been made in honor of Lucy Harrell but no mention of who the donor was. Thank you for doing this. Lucy was always interested in helping those in need and did so in a number of ways, often without others knowing what she had done. I am sure that she knows of this gift and is grateful for it. God bless your loving heart.

***Stanley Harrell***

Dear Wesley UMC,

Northeast Social Action Program (NESAP) is very grateful for our community partners that have stood beside us throughout this health and economic crisis. Your generous gift helped us continue to supply food and financial assistance to the most vulnerable in our community when other resources were not available due to the ramifications of the pandemic. There is still a lot of uncertainty but because of people like you our doors stayed open. We want you to know how much we appreciate you and your generosity.

In the first half of 2021 NESAP was able to provide clothing, food, housing, medical, transportation and utility assistance to individuals and families in our local community, fulfilling 849 service requests totaling \$81,085.00 in financial assistance and 1260 bags of groceries. The need continues as many are still trying to recover. We were only able to serve because of the generosity of people like you...

***God Bless, Donn Dietrich, Executive Director – NESAP***

## Pastor's Message (*Continued*)



The good news about all of this is that we worship a God who is bigger than all the changes. We maintain faith in the One who helps us navigate the unexpected, and never leaves us alone. We believe in the power of God to turn our worries and fears into "the peace that passes all understanding." God is good. All the time!

As we navigate the unprecedented ongoing sagas of our time, individually and together, let us lean on the One who holds the future and whispers to us, "Let go and let me. I have this."

## 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. **We are joining together in prayer every Tuesday evening at 7 PM; simply stop where you are and pray as you feel led.** May God bless our time in conversation with Him.



After-Church Lunch Bunch

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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!

## Church Conference—All Are Welcome!



Wesley UMC's joint Church Conference will be on:

**November 6, 2021, at 4 PM via ZOOM.**

All are welcome to attend the Church Conference; specific information for joining the ZOOM call will be forthcoming.

Forms for Charge Conference are due to the conference on October 1st via the Arena application. Visit <https://arenaweb.bwcmc.org/> to access Arena with your username and password (Jess Sichel can provide assistance with this if needed).

Those required to submit a report should have been contacted in July with details; however, reports from retired clergy and committee leaders are also welcome. Committee leadership reports should be submitted directly to Jess Sichel. **Thank you for your help!**



## Small Group Dinner & a “Movie”

**All are invited** to come to a kick-off event for the Wesley Small Group ministry! **Bring a dish to share to Wesley’s Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 11th.** Then, head to the big screen to watch a video of the 2019 New Room Conference presentation by the multi-talented **Pete Grieg**, vibrant speaker and author of the next book that the Monday evening small group will be reading (*Dirty Glory*). We hope you can make it! **Questions?** Contact Jess Sichel at (443) 850-4274 or [jesssichel@gmail.com](mailto:jesssichel@gmail.com).

## Calling All College Students!

If you have a student in college, whether it be far from home or nearby at a local community college, please contact Vicky Wilmer at [wilmervicky@gmail.com](mailto:wilmervicky@gmail.com) with their mailing address.

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

## Boscov’s Fundraiser to Support Wesley’s UMW: October 20



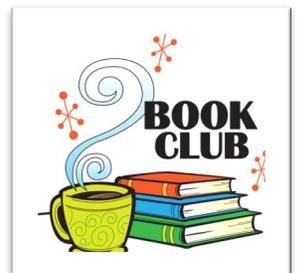
The UMW members are participating in the annual “Friends Helping Friends” fundraiser through Boscov’s. Donate \$5 (all of which goes to Wesley’s UMW) and get a 25% off discount shopping pass and a chance to register to win a \$100 Boscov’s gift card! The sale is good in-store only, but at every Boscov’s store. The shopping date is **October 20, 2021, from 8 AM to 11 PM.** See a UMW member for a coupon and mark your calendar for the sale date!

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

## News from the Book Club

Wesley Book Club meets at MJ’s Café & Baking Co. in Manchester, MD, usually on the last Thursday of each month at **12 Noon**. All are welcome! Here are the **Wesley UMC Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates from October through January.** (Please note the early November meeting due to Thanksgiving.)

- **Thursday, October 28th:** *The Banty House* by Carolyn Brown (A funny book about three elderly ladies.)
- **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** (Please Note Time and Location Change – this meeting **(only) now at Wesley UMC at 1 PM;** those attending the UMW meeting at 11 AM should bring their lunch, and dessert will be provided. Those attending Book Club directly after the UMW meeting should bring their lunch, and dessert will be provided there, as well): *After Midnight* by Catherine Ryan Hyde (About a gal whose father sells her horse and how she handles it.)
- **Thursday, December 30th:** *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline (How orphans were transported across the US in the early 1900s.)
- **Thursday, January 27th:** *The Winemaker’s Wife* by Kristen Hamel (An historical novel.)



*Happy reading! Reenie Harris*

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



## Wesley Outreach Soup Sale

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

### The following soups will be offered:

Shrimp Bisque \$11  
Vegetable Soup \$9  
Ham & Bean \$9

Chicken Corn \$9  
Beef Barley \$9  
Butternut Squash \$9

*There may also be some rolls/breads for sale.*

Please contact Cindy Myatt at (410) 596-5391 or [candcmyatt@gmail.com](mailto:candcmyatt@gmail.com)  
by October 31<sup>st</sup> to place your order.

## Save the Date!



## Wesley UMC's Fall Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper will be on:

Saturday, November 13, 2021.  
Pre-Orders will be taken soon.

Thank you for your support!

## GriefShare Program



GriefShare Program continues 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 are meeting every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the church library. 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. You can also call the church office at (410) 374-4027.

## Operation Christmas Child 2021



There will be two ways to participate in this year's Annual Outreach Christmas project:

↳ You can take a shoebox and fill it as you have in years past. **Empty shoeboxes will be ready for pickup at church on Sunday, Oct. 10 and should be returned to church by Sunday, Nov. 7.** All directions will be inside each box. Wesley's outreach Committee will be paying the postage this year so you do not need to include the \$9 shipping fee inside the box. If you would like to make a contribution to the Outreach Committee, you may write a check directly to them.

↳ You can use the Operation Christmas Child online service to create a shoebox. Each online shoebox costs \$25. Follow directions at this website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Brenda Benson 717-698-1576 or [bandgbenson@gmail.com](mailto:bandgbenson@gmail.com).

## 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](http://maumlegacy.org). At Wesley, feel free to contact Laura Waltrup, Finance Committee.



## Wesley United Methodist Women's News



Wesley's UMW met at the church on September 16, 2021 with 11 women in attendance. We have agreed to meet on the third Thursday of the month for the year.

We are selling the Boscov's coupons for the October 20<sup>th</sup> Friends day. The coupons are \$5.00 each and are worth 25% off of most purchases. The \$5.00 is for our unit to keep and use toward our mission projects.

Our next fund raiser will be the bake table for the drive by chicken dinner in November.

We invite all ladies to come and join us in doing our work in mission for women and children.

*Blessings, Connie Wiegel, President*

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

**October 3:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**October 10:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**October 17:** Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35C; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

**October 24:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

**October 31:** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**November 1 (All Saints Day):** Song of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44



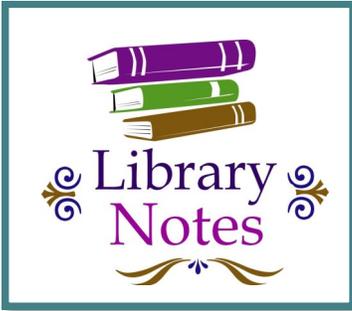
## Orphan Stones: Caring for Those Without Families



As All Saint's Sunday approaches and is observed, the Wesley U.M. Church Cemetery Committee is accepting donations for the repair of "Orphan Stones." Even though the cemetery is not responsible for the repairs to the monuments, we have many older ones that have no family left to repair them—thus they are "Orphan Stones." Time and weather have caused these older monuments to break, tilt, or fall. The earliest marked burial is 1841 and there are nearly 1,000 former members of our Church buried in the cemetery. Our church has a wonderful history of 231 years.

At this time, we have used many of the funds designated for Orphan Stones with repairs that need to be made to them. In honor of and gratitude to these people who founded and sustained our Church, and to keep our cemetery in good repair and appearance, we ask for your support. You may send your tax-deductible donation to the Church or put it in the collection plate on All Saint's Day or at any time. Be sure to add your name to the outside of an envelope and if you have a regular Church envelope, please include that number, also. Mark it for the "Orphan Stones" or Wesley Cemetery. Also, please keep the Church and cemetery in mind when you are preparing or updating your will. This will help us in the future.

*Thank you. Dennis Rill, Wesley Cemetery*



Have you seen the signs around town that tell us to BE KIND? Do you ever wonder why someone feels the need to tell us to be what Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit clearly already teach us? When we think about the fruits of the Spirit, kindness seems to be the multiplier. It spreads from me to you, from you to others, and then from others to still more people. Kindness is something we can spread to others, having a heart like the One who showed us how to be kind: Jesus. Here are a few books we found about kindness and Jesus.

*A Heart Like His* by Mike and Amy Nappa (232) This beautiful collection on character traits comes from the inspired pen of the apostle Paul and reflects the very personality of Christ. But you don't have to be a spiritual superhero to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in *your life*! God wants each of us to experience and show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—and what He desires of us, He enables us to do. But if you're not sure how to begin, perhaps this book can help. *A Heart Like His* will point you toward the fruitful life that God wants you to enjoy. Filled with inspiring Scriptures, thought-provoking quotes, and wonderful stories that relate to each of the nine traits, this easy-to-read book will guide you to greater heights in your Christian walk.

*Love is a Verb* by Gary Chapman (232) Be inspired by lives changed by love. To last for the long haul and through the stresses and complexities of life, love has to be more than something we feel. It has to be something we do. We have to demonstrate it concretely in our marriages and families, among our friends and acquaintances, and, yes, even among our enemies. And that's what this book is about. In the following pages, you'll see examples of people just like you—like *all of us*—who learned to take the obstacles, the lemons they face in life, and turn them into satisfying, emotional thirst-quenching nectar. These are the success stories that make you want to go out and try harder.

*Think Like Jesus* by George Barna (230) If you are like most Christians today, nobody has ever taught you how to develop a Scripture-based view of life and how to live consistently with that perspective. George Barna looks at Jesus' life and uncovers seven characteristics of His worldview that define what Jesus believed and how He acted. The author points out that while there are benefits from thinking and acting this way, such as wise decision-making, relational advantages, and spiritual health, we emulate Jesus because it is the *right thing to do*, not because of the positive outcomes. And these benefits are not received unless we are totally committed to seeking, knowing, and following God's wisdom. If imitation is indeed the sincerest form of flattery, what better way is there to express your love for God than to commit yourself to thinking like Jesus?

*A Heart Like Jesus* by Max Lucado (232) God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to have a heart like Jesus. Our hearts seem so far from His. He is pure; we are greedy. He is peaceful; we are hassled. He is purposeful; we are distracted. He is spiritual; we are earthbound. The distance between our hearts and His seems immense. How could we hope to have the heart of Jesus? You already do! If you have given your life to Jesus, Jesus has given himself to you. He has made your heart His home. And the same one who saved your soul longs to re-make your heart.

*Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul* by Jack Canfield (240) ...in this exceptional new volume especially for Christians, you will find stories that will deepen your faith and expand your awareness of how to practice Christian values in your daily life—at home, at work, and in the community. Your heart will open to the expression of Christ's enduring love.

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*

**Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • September 8, 2021**

**Members present:** Linda Yost, Connie Weigel, Cindy Myatt, Janet Martin, Rev. Amy, Davona Palmer, Vicky Wilmer

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills and donations are up to date.

**Budget for 2021:** We will work on our budget next month.

**Church Picnic**

- Linda will be ordering the chicken on Thursday and Outreach will be paying for the chicken for the picnic.
- The parsonage has been cleaned.
- Several people are bringing games.
- We will be making iced tea and water.
- Help will be needed to bring tables over to the pavilion.

**Soup Sale:** November 7th

- We will be taking orders for soups.
  - Davona—Chicken Corn
  - Linda—Ham & Bean
  - Shrimp—Cindy
  - Chili—Janet
  - Vegetable—Vicky
  - Bread—Connie
  - Muffins—Rev. Amy

**College Students:** We want to reach out to our college students. Please send your student's information to Vicky.

**Operation Christmas Child:**

- Brenda will put something in the Journal about Operation Christmas Child boxes. She will also order more boxes.
- Outreach will pay the postage for each box.

**Cookie Walk:** Will not happen at this time.

**Greenmount Fundraiser:** Will possibly take place in the Spring.

**Caroling:** We will hold off.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for NESAP:** We will kick it off on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Christmas Families:** We will provide gift cards to families through NESAP.

**Church Pantry:** Chet will be working to get the pantry built.

**Night by Night Shelter:** The shelter was very appreciative of the donations. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.

**Rescue Mission Dinner:** We will be providing dinner for the clients of the mission on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Janet will be coordinating this meal. Anyone who would like to help can contact Janet.

**Refugee Ministry:** We discussed ways to help refugees. We are checking into the Lutheran Program.

**Next Meeting:** October 13th



**Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • August 25, 2021, at 7 PM**

**Attendees:** Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis Rill, Denny Rill, Sandy Cole, Brenda Benson, Janet Martin, Jackie Otwell, Rose Sichel, Jonathan Yost, Linda Yost, Vicky Wilmer, Laura Waltrup, Matt Sichel, Jess Sichel, Connie Wiegel, Michelle Hudgins, and John Sies

The **meeting opened** at 7 PM with Rev. Amy's remarks. Sandy Cole shared a **devotion** called "Dark Night with God" from the Upper Room and based on Isaiah 45:3.

**Next Ad. Council Meeting:** Jess Sichel will not be available to take minutes for next month's Administrative Council Meeting. In her absence, Sandy Cole will take minutes. Also, Brenda Kennedy will be sharing a devotion for the meeting.

Jess Sichel read **highlights of the previous meeting's minutes**, as they had not been sent out prior to today. She got more specific in detail for the Lay Member to Annual Conference minutes section.

**Next Meeting—In Person or Virtual:** Rev. Amy took a vote of attendees as to whether next month's meeting would be on Zoom or in person. The vote was roughly 6 to 5 to have a fully virtual meeting.

**Worship Committee:** Janet Martin [Jess Sichel sent out minutes for the Worship Committee meeting prior to tonight.]

- **Worship Schedule for Fall:** Lana Montgomery will be stepping out of leadership in Contemporary Worship after September 5, 2021. Lisa has expressed that she cannot move back to the pre-COVID schedule of leading Contemporary Worship four times a month. As a result [and after discussion at the Worship meeting], the following schedule was established: Beginning in October, we will have one 11 AM Worship Service. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th services will be Traditional in format. The 4th Sundays will be Contemporary in style. We will also have a 9:30 AM Sunday School before hand. For September, every other Sunday will be alternating in style and Sunday School will be at 9 AM.
- Worship is looking for Altar Guild help. Brenda Kennedy agreed to help, but an additional person is needed to do altar clothes and candles. Sandy Cole volunteered and was accepted [thank you, Sandy!]
- Future notable dates include World Communion Sunday on 10/3, All Saint's Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Advent.
- Hymnals and Bibles need to be put back in the Sanctuary. Linda Yost will gather help; Rose Sichel volunteered to help.
- We are in need of musicians (not singers; specifically a guitarist, [drummer,] and pianist) for Contemporary Worship. Lisa Kemp has been trying to recruit help. The question is, what can we do to move forward? We can advertise in the Baltimore-Washington eConnection newsletter; Jess Sichel can email Melissa Lauber, but needs to know how many weeks to run and what to say in the ad.
- The handbells are in need of cleaning and tuning. This will be brought up at tomorrow night's choir gathering. The handbells would be a good choice to use if we can't sing in worship again.

**Christian Education:** Jackie Otwell

- Vacation Bible School was held on 8/2, 8/4, and 8/6. Rev. Amy affirmed that it was wonderful and fun and nobody was "dead tired." There were lots of cookies—thank you!
- The VBS program was aiming to raise \$200 or more for an Alpaca to be provided to an Ecuadorian family.
- There were 18 kids over the three nights. Thank you for the support! We will see what we do for next year.
- On August 30th, there will be a Zoom Meeting with all Sunday School teachers. Christian Ed. leaders think we need a 3rd/4th/5th grade teacher.
- Jackie was asked when material will be in for Sunday School; this should be asked of Jen Ejk or Patty Harris. The group needs to think about the next couple of months and increasing enrollment..
- We should advertise the start of September and October Sunday School on Facebook and Instagram. Rose Sichel volunteered to help. It was suggested that we emphasize the family feel.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura Waltrup

- There has not been a Finance meeting since approximately June of 2021. The rough idea is that our income is slightly

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behind budget, but our expenses are way under budget. Last year, we had the PPP loan, and we started the year strong because of the loan. This helped us currently have a healthy checking account. [The below information was sent in by Laura prior to tonight's meeting and was accompanied by reports from her records:

1) Income & Expense compared to 2021 Budget:

a) Operating Income for 7 Months was \$132,451 compared to a budget of \$136,518 - slightly behind budgeted income by (\$4,065)

b) Operating Expenses for 7 Months was \$145,333 compared to a budget of \$155,451 - so we managing expenses well and are under budget by \$10,117

c) Our budget through 7 months anticipated an operating deficit significantly higher than actual performance (considering the seasonality of giving volumes)

2) Balance Sheet compared to same period in 2020:

a) Operating Cash (General Fund) as of 7/31 is \$8,500 compared to \$18,240 in 2020. NOTE, however, that in 2020 we received COVID relief funds (SBA Payroll Protection Plan) in the amount of \$26,967 which had been applied to expenses and fully utilized to this point. This signifies that our current General Fund balance is quite healthy given the time of year and no COVID relief in 2021. Another reason our operating cash is nicely positive is that we ended 2020 with over \$20,000 in our General Fund Cash account which carried over into 2021.

b) It was decided between Finance and Trustees, that \$1,551 that was in the Building Checking Account and designated to long-term projects should be transferred to the RBC Building Investment account for maximum earnings. This is reflected in the Other Accounts / Building Fund Checking account balance.]

- There was an RBC investment meeting with Finance and Trustees. The Building Fund Checking Account was/will be moved to an investment account. The Endowment Fund has really started growing since its inception several years ago. 50% of it is for the Lucy Harrell Scholarship Fund, monies which will be spit out.
- We are headed into budget time; Laura will be reaching out about this.
- It was noted that two employees recently resigned [Lana Montgomery and Rose Hohmes]. There was a question about the Youth stipend, but all of this goes back to SPRC to be managed for now.
- Discussion ensued, including notes about Charge Conference paperwork being sent out and one-on-ones with District Superintendents occurring. It was also noted that we are not worried about finances; however, many other churches are. Rev. Amy stated that many of all kinds of churches have found themselves in difficult straights. Laura noted that we have not had the normal August "summer dip" in income. Linda Yost said that Rev. Amy has been very instrumental in getting us opened back up early. Opening earlier has put us ahead of the ball, local-church-wise. John Sies and others noted that it says something about our local community and the ministry that lots of money has come in to Outreach [without lots of fundraisers being run.] Jess Sichel reminded the committee about the mental affects of moving back to a lock-down or pre-lock-down format. It can seem like the walls are closing in for people who had trouble with the lock-down; for example, Jess felt the walls closing in when folks began discussing moving back to a Zoom meeting format.

**Outreach Committee:**

- Thank you to those who helped with prepping corn for the supper! There were around 20 people—lots of hands; lots of work got done.
- Back-to-School Donations: Outreach took over 24 larger backpacks and several large bags of supplies to NESAP. The committee will also contribute \$300 towards \$15 gift cards to Walmart for shoes to NESAP. NESAP was able to provide 130 backpacks for kids in the area.
- September 12th Picnic: Instead of grilling for the picnic, fried chicken will be provided to give folks a break. There is a sign-up sheet going around for sides. The picnic will be at the new pavilion after the 10 AM worship service (11:30 am-ish).
- Operation Christmas Child: Outreach will sponsor the postage for the project this year. Shop now for school supplies!
- Meals are being provided once a month on the third Tuesday for the Westminster Rescue Mission/Healing and Addiction Center. There will be a coordinator from Outreach who will extend the project to the whole congregation. Outreach purchased two \$500 gift cards to Mission BBQ and Millers Market for the Rescue Mission. The guys were really working hard to prepare for an additional food truck, and the Mission purchased fried chicken and BBQ for them.
- The Cold-Weather shelter is now going by the name "Night by Night." A collection of items from Wesley is going on now. Often, clients are going to work and missing meals, so the shelter is looking for quick meals and breakfasts on the go. There is a list in the Journal and bulletins. It was noted that sometimes, clients might even have the money to provide for a place to live and have a good support system, but places to live are not available.

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- Outreach continues to provide meals; at the moment, they are for Reenie Harris.
- The committee needs names of our college students.
- Tommy Smith's Eagle project is coming to a close. Outreach offered help to finance the project; Stephanie Smith will get back to the committee about that.
- The committee has been thinking about Haiti and Afghanistan needs. Jan Kurtz sent out some things, which need to be discussed. John Sies will send additional information to Vicky Wilmer. Lutheran Immigration Services has a "local" chapter. The group is thinking to donate more "hands-on" stuff, such as plates, towels, etc.

**Chicken Carryout Supper:** There will be a Chicken Carryout Supper on November 13th, which will be run by Vicky Wilmer and Pam Phillips. At this time, the leadership of the supper(s) has decided not to do oysters.

**Parsonage Mold:** Laura Waltrup brought up the fact that the Parsonage has a mold issue which must be remediated at some point. Discussion ensued, and a motion developed into the following: **The Ad. Council moves to protect the asset [of the parsonage] and handle the health concern [of mold] by referring the mold and eradication needs to Trustees.** The motion was seconded, and all voted in favor of it. **So moved.**

**Mini Camp Wesley Project:** Someone needed help with a mini-Camp Wesley project. It feels like Satan has knocked down our ability to do the project. There is a house that someone is trying to get ready to sell. The house is split-level with a tall front. Some work has been done (i.e., a roll-off dumpster was provided and plants were donated from Betsy Sennett). However, there are problems, such as that the ground is dry and hard (though some of the plants were planted and mulched.) A small crew of 6 to 8 people (including men) would be helpful. However, there is Camp Wesley money to hire someone to help with this as a church mission project, given that there are not a lot of people with available time and/or abilities to do the work within the congregation. **Vicky needs help.** If you know of person(s) who can provide that help, please contact Vicky with the suggested names. The work should take about four to five hours during the course of one day.

**SPRC:** The next meeting of the SPRC is 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 8th.

- The SPRC is currently working on the Nursery Supervisor and Youth Directory positions.
- Reports for Charge Conference will be worked on the 8th.

**Trustees:** The next meeting of the Trustees will be on September 1st at 7 PM.

- Jessie's [Office] Air Conditioning unit [HVAC unit] is still a work in progress.
- Gary Wilmer and Denny Rill have worked on the new gutter/downspout for the Education wing; there has been no more leaking.
- There will be scaffolding up for masonry work.
- The Downstairs freezers (in the kitchen's basement) are both no good and need to be removed.
- Naylor's Plumbing has been contacted; there is sludge in the tanks.
- The flowerbeds have been mulched; the gardens are beautiful.
- The Parsonage needs some perking up (i.e., weeding). An estimate to treat the tree in the backyard is to be obtained.

**Candidate for Ordained Ministry:** Matt Sichel continues as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry. He was again invited for the Board of Ordained Ministry exams in February. He will update some of his paperwork, and he requests prayer.

**Lay Member to Annual Conference:**

- This year's Annual Conference will be all virtual; the hotel costs have been/will be refunded. The exception to the all-virtual events will be the Ordination Service, which will be at a church near the Conference Center.
- The Bishop recently returned from a sabbatical. She is now managing two Annual Conferences (Peninsula Delaware and Baltimore-Washington). Long ago, these two were yoked, but the groups are not currently happy about this. Other conference(s) are facing similar things due to a reduced number of Bishops in the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Amy reported the our Charge Conference will be on Zoom and shared with other local churches. The date and time of the conference are Saturday, November 6th, at 4 PM. Charge Conference paperwork is due to Jessica Sichel [preferably before the 10/1/21 deadline for the Conference]. [Rev. Amy also sent in the below prior to tonight's meeting:

- This summer has been a relatively quiet one. No funerals, weddings, or baptisms thus far.

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- Attendance at worship for both contemporary and traditional worship services has averaged around 35-40. This is a little less than half of our pre-pandemic levels. Worship continues to be livestreamed and it is not known how many are watching at home.
- Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month and, due to Covid-19 variants, we will continue to use the communion kits on communion Sundays.
- Visitation rules at hospitals and nursing homes continue to change. Last week, I was scheduled to see Stewart Graf on Thursday, but Longview is on lockdown for at least two weeks, due to Covid. Carroll Hospital Center is allowing only one visitor per patient. Surgical patients may only have one visitor with them throughout the day of surgery. I was able to get special permission to be with Reenie Harris and Martha Harris during their recent surgeries at CHC, but that was prior to Governor Hogan's most recent announcements.
- Charge Conference information has been distributed by the Baltimore Suburban District office. Wesley's Charge Conference will take place on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 4 PM via ZOOM. We will share Charge Conference with Pleasant Grove, Mt Zion (Finksburg), Shiloh and Patapsco United Methodist Churches. All Charge Conference paperwork is due into the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference office by October 1, 2021, at the latest.
- We have had two staff resignations. Rose Hohmes is attending another church with her sons and will not be serving as nursery coordinator any longer. Lana Montgomery announced during last Wednesday night's Worship Committee meeting that she will cease leading and playing for Contemporary Worship services, effective immediately following the September 5, 2021 Contemporary Worship service. The Montgomery family will remain on our membership rolls. At this point in time there are no plans in place to replace these staff. Lisa Kemp will continue to lead one (1) Contemporary Worship service per month, beginning in October of 2021. This will happen on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- Worship in September of 2021 will be held at 10 AM (outdoors whenever possible), alternating worship style by week. Sunday School will be held at 9 AM beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021. As of October 1, 2021, Sunday School will take place at 9:30 AM, fellowship time from 10:30 until 10:45, and worship will begin at 11 AM. All worship services, except for the fourth Sunday of each month, will be traditional in nature.
- Bishop Latrelle Easterling is on sabbatical. As of this writing, there has not been direction from the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference about Covid-19 protocols for local churches. Perhaps when Bishop Easterling returns to work, direction will occur, although she has, in the past, advised local churches to follow local and national guidelines for mask-wearing, singing indoors, social distancing, etc.
- In mid-July, I wrote a letter to all confirmation-age teenagers who are probationary members (baptized) within our church's membership. I have had only one affirmative response to that letter. The letter states that I will have a confirmation class if two or more youth respond positively. I followed up with several additional young people who are "regulars" within the life of our church, asking them (and their parents) if they had received my letter and whether they were interested in confirmation classes. I stated that I would work with their schedules. A number of those young people and their parents said no, indicating school sports and other extracurricular activities as being in competition for young peoples' time and energies. Two others declined, referring to the anticipated "split" within our denomination, should "the Protocol" be accepted at the 2022 General Conference. Still another young person's mother refused, indicating that she, herself, was not a churchgoer, and that confirmation classes would demand her participation in something she was not ready to commit to. This is the second time, since 2017, that I have attempted to lead a confirmation class (also tried in 2019).
- I continue to work on my doctoral dissertation, almost daily. It is slow going, but very interesting and rewarding work.]

**United Methodist Men:** The men will be meeting on September 14th with a cookout meal. They will discuss the future (and will need to provide a grill).

**United Methodist Women:** The women are doing well and will meet on September 16th at 11 AM.

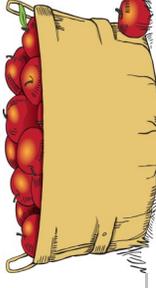
**Small Groups:** One (possibly two) small groups will resume in September. We will meet at the Church. It was noted that it is time to resume the ministry.

Matt Sichel closed in prayer at 8:36 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary*



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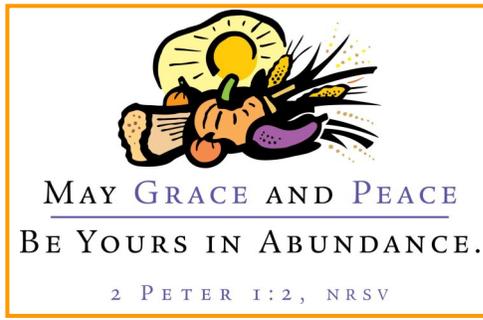


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>Regular Worship Schedule:</b>            9:30 AM Sunday School            10:30 AM Fellowship Time            11 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>The services will also be live-streamed on our website and on YouTube for those who would like to view them that way.</p>			<p><b>Church Conference Reports Due Today!</b>            Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM</p>	2
<p>3            Regular Worship Schedule  <b>World Communion Sunday</b></p>	4	5 GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	6 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM <b>Visitation 12 PM at J&amp;Ps Trustees 7 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	7 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	8 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	9
<p>10            Regular Worship Schedule</p>	11 <b>Small Group Gathering 6:30 PM Potluck (Fellowship Hall) and Presentation (Library)</b>	12 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	13 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM <b>Outreach 6 PM</b> <b>SPRC Meeting 7:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	14 <b>UMW Meeting at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	15 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM <b>November Journal Submissions Due!</b>	16
<p>17            Regular Worship Schedule  <b>Laity Sunday</b></p>	18 <b>UMM Meeting with Meal 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall</b>	19 GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	20 <b>Boscov's Shopping Pass Day!</b> Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM <b>Finance 7 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	21 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	22 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	23
<p>24            Regular Worship Schedule            (Contemporary Style)</p>	25	26 Girl Scouts 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	27 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM <b>Administrative Council 7 PM</b> Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	28 <b>Book Club 12 PM at MJ's Café &amp; Baking Co.</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	29 Office Drop-In 1 to 3 PM	30
<p>31            Regular Worship Schedule  <b>After-Church Lunch Bunch</b></p>						

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**Worship Participants for October:**

- October 3: Liturgist—Linda Hollman
- October 10: Liturgist—Jess Sichel
- October 17: Liturgist—Jan Kurtz
- October 24: Worship Leader—Lisa Kemp; Guest Speaker—Stephanie Halley
- October 31: Liturgist—Matt Sichel



- ↔ Seeking Musicians and Audio/Visual Volunteers!
- ↔ Church Conference Details
- ↔ Soup Sale Information

...and more!

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