



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...

Lent is coming! Lent comes from a word meaning "Lengthen," as in lengthening of the days. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), and along with the lengthening of days, we embark upon a journey of penitence, fasting and prayer. We are reminded of our mortality ("Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return...") and urged to do something in the meantime ("repent and believe in the gospel.") We remember Christ's final Passover feast with his disciples, his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, his last moments before dying on a cross. In short, we are on a journey with Jesus.

I hope that you will join me on Ash Wednesday evening, March 2, 2022, for a 7 PM service of imposition of the ashes and holy communion. Join in the DVD study of "The Chosen" about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the church library, led by The Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell. Come to Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 11 AM. Learn about and worship the One who lived among us and died for our sakes. Journey to the cross with me!

"Rather, I am learning what it means to take one day at a time and trust God completely.

An invitation to the observance of Lenten discipline:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season, converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when the persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to participation in the life of the church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded

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Inclement Weather Policy

Please remember Wesley UMC's inclement weather policy:

If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Carroll County at 6 AM, Sunday School and Fellowship Time will be cancelled. The 11 AM service will depend on the severity of the weather.

In the event of inclement weather, a message will be left on the church answering service by 7 AM regarding services, but please use your discretion for the weather in your area. We don't want anyone getting injured!





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	Dave Hudgins		Darick Sater
10	Carlos Davis	20	John Halley
	Mason Wilson	21	Jan Graf
12	Jackie McLain	22	Lincoln Horner
	Michael Watkins	23	Sawyer Stauffer
14	Carol O'Byrne	25	Matt Sichel
16	Kaitlyn Davey		Andy Smith
	Bruce DeVilbiss	28	Bonnie Chatfield
18	Fay Miller	29	Mike Hughes
			Steven Novotny



1	Frank & Jacki Grabowski
9	Irby & Sandy Cole
25	Carl & Ruth Rill
27	Steven & Hanne Novotny



Updating Your Information

Please contact Sandy Cole, Membership Secretary by e-mail at 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.

Prayers for Rev. Amy

Reverend Amy has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer and will begin chemotherapy on Monday, Feb. 21st. Prayers are needed! We recently held an Intercessory Prayer Vigil on behalf of Rev. Amy, but you can pray for things outside of that time, as well.

- Strength for God to bring Rev. Amy through whatever lies ahead in terms of treatment, surgeries, sickness, and side effects, and for her rock, Denny, to stay well.
- The very best pain management available while still allowing Rev. Amy to function as normally as possible.
- Management of symptoms and side effects of treatment so that Rev. Amy can enjoy the things and people she loves the most.
- To feel well enough to be with our church family - as our beloved Pastor and friend; prayers also for the Church during this time.
- That her health care team of doctors, specialists, techs, nurses, and any other providers will give her the best possible care. That they communicate extremely well and not allow important details or time to slip by.
- That our Lord God, the ultimate healer, protector, and advocate will eradicate this cancer in her body - not just stop the spread, but make it go away completely.
- For our God to be with Rev. Amy every step of the way, to hold her ever so tight, to be a presence with her at all times so that she will feel Him and know he is in control.



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

Peggy Dovell
2322 Susanann Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074
(410) 374-0199

Stewart Graf
Longview Nursing Home
Room 139
3332 Main St.
Manchester, MD 21102

Jean Colton
Longview Nursing Home
Room 214B
3332 Main St.
Manchester, MD 21102



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



Thank you to Denny Rill, who pitches in with tasks, large and small. Keeping Wesley running smoothly!

Anonymous

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To the members for the Wesley United Methodist Women's group,

Thank you so much for your donation in the amount of \$200.00. We can't thank you enough for your support of Cancer Comfort Angels!

Because of donations, and kind community members, CCA will continue to be able to help comfort those battling cancer through our comfort kits. To date we have given out over 2000 Cancer Comfort Kits! Since our beginning, we have donated to Metavivor, which supports research for stage four cancers. We also have donated to Compass Regional Hospice, and to the Wellness House of Annapolis. This past spring, we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to qualified high school seniors from Queen Anne's County, whose lives have been touched by cancer.

We are so thankful for your kindness and generosity; we are excited to continue our work!

Sincerely, Linda Aus, Board Member

Thank You!

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"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be — *Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 2: Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, 7 PM

Friday, March 4: World Day of Prayer; Sanctuary Open 10 AM to 6 PM

Wednesdays Beginning March 9: "The Chosen" Study, 7 PM in the Harrell Library

Palm Sunday, April 10: 11 AM Traditional Worship Service



Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 14:
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 7 PM

Good Friday, April 15, and Holy Saturday, April 16
Stations of the Cross Open Friday, 3 to 6 PM,
and Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM

Easter Sunday, April 17
Blended Worship Service, 11 AM. **Alleluia! He is Risen!**

From the Pastor's Desk (*Continued*)



of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. You are invited, therefore, in the name of Church and tradition, to observe a holy Lent:

by self-examination and repentance

by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and

by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us humble ourselves before our Creator and Redeemer.

Love, Rev. Amy

March Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

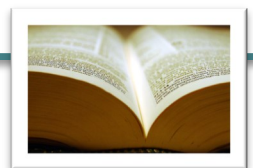
March 2 (Ash Wednesday): Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6 (1st Sunday in Lent): Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 13 (2nd Sunday in Lent): Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 20 (3rd Sunday in Lent): Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 27 (4th Sunday in Lent): Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Retreat and Camping Ministries: Manidokan & West River

The Retreat and Camping Ministries Vision & Mission:

Our mission is to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through immersion in Christian community and by building relationships in the midst of God's creation.

We provide unmatched opportunities to individuals and local churches for spiritual transformation.



Camp Manidokan and Camp West River are Currently Planning for Summer 2022 Campers!

Brochures (including calendars) are available on the bulletin board near the Wesley Church Office. Wesley UMC also has camperships available!

Open House Information

Open Houses at both Manidokan and West River will be held Sunday, April 10th, from 2 to 5 PM

Looking for a Summer Job?

Staff Applications are now available! Visit www.bwccampsandretreats.com/get-involved

Questions?

Call 800-922-6795 or email admin@bwccampsandretreats.com

Carroll County Behavioral Health Provider Hotline

Access Carroll is excited to host a new Behavioral Health Provider Hotline. The hotline is intended to rapidly link behavioral health services and resources for the acute patient needs of Carroll County community providers. It is also accessible to Carroll County Public Schools and faith-based leaders who are addressing behavioral health needs in the community.



443-952-7555

The Carroll County Behavioral Health Provider Hotline is answered by licensed and trained staff who may connect direct assistance to the provider or reach out to the patient in need, offering various resources to support a successful connection to care.

Behavioral Health services include substance use disorder and mental health care. The provider hotline number is 443-952-7555 and is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The hotline hours will expand to offer more accessibility, as needed.

The Lenten Devotional is Ready!



The Lenten Devotional for 2022 has been printed and is available in the back of the church Sanctuary, by the glass doors in the Education Wing entrance, and in the church office. **Grab one for you and another couple for others!**

Thank you so much to all who provided entries for the Journal! We literally could not do what we are doing without your assistance. May the Lord add His blessing to the reading of the devotional by Wesley friends, family, and strangers!

If you would like to receive a copy of the devotional via email, please let Jess Sichel know after March 1st.

World Day of Prayer • Friday, March 4th, from 10 AM to 6 PM

You are invited to join the UMW in an international World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th, 2022. From 10 AM to 6 PM, the church will be open for prayer on that day. There will also be a Prayer Vigil open to everyone. The Theme for 2022 is: I Know the Plans I Have For You (Jeremiah 29:11).

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Each year, since 1927, a different host country has prepared the content of the World Day of Prayer service, highlighting its country's culture and regional justice issues. The 2022 service was written by the England, Wales and Northern Ireland World Day of Prayer Committee and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Viewers from all over the country will be able to virtually unite in prayer and action.

There is a World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service of about an hour's length that we hopefully shall play at times throughout the day in the Library. **It's never the wrong time to pray, so come on out! We hope to see you there.**

The Wesley Book Club: Upcoming Dates, Times, and Readings

Wesley Book Club meets at MJ's Café & Baking Co. in Manchester, MD, on the last Thursday of each month at **12 Noon**. All are welcome! Contact Reenie Harris with questions at ichdeh@comcast.net or (410) 848-1121. Here are the next **Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates through May:**

MARCH 31, 2022: Our Country Friends by Gary Shteyngart

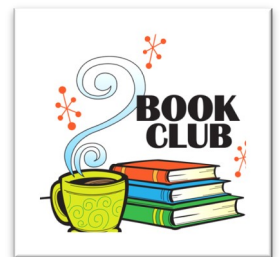
(Humor ... Eight friends, one country house, and six months in isolation – a novel about love, friendship, family and betrayal.)

APRIL 28, 2022: Rush of Heaven by Emma McKinley

A woman's miraculous encounter with Jesus after spending 18 years in a wheelchair. (This book is found in our Wesley Church Library. See *Library Notes* in December Journal.)

MAY 26, 2022: Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

(1909 – Winston Churchill's wife)



Happy reading! Reenie Harris  

GriefShare Session: Tuesdays Beginning March 1st



The next session of the GriefShare Program will **start up Tuesday, March 1st, and run through Tuesday, May 24th**. 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. You can also call the church office at (410) 374-4027.

"The Chosen" Lenten Study

On the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we will watch the first episodes of The Chosen, a TV series based on the gospel stories. You will get a feeling for life at that time and the impact that Jesus made. Led by Stanley Harrell, see him to receive your free study guide. You are requested to read the introduction and lesson one before the first session on March 9 at 7 PM in the church library.

Alpha Baby Bottle Donations

It's time for Alpha Baby Bottle donations! Every year, Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown, Maryland, puts out empty baby bottles that can be filled with donations of change, cash, or checks. These donations go towards helping moms and dads with unexpected pregnancies. The staff is committed to providing ethical and confidential services in a caring environment. If you or someone you know is facing an unplanned pregnancy, Alpha can help by providing free and confidential pregnancy services (medical services are provided by licensed medical personnel). Donation Bottles are available at the back of the church sanctuary. **If you would like to send a check in the mail directly to Alpha, the address is Alpha Pregnancy Center, 301 Main Street, Suite 1B, Reisterstown, MD, 21136** (please mark that the check is from Wesley UMC). Filled bottles can be returned to Wesley UMC by **Sunday, March 27th**.

Wesley's Food Cupboard

Wesley's Outreach Committee would like to bring our new Food Cupboard to your attention. The purpose is to help anyone in our congregation and community with non-perishable goods. If anyone you know in your neighborhood or family has a need, please let them know about the Food Cupboard. Also, if you are in church on Sunday and you see something you could use, please take it. Our motto is, **"Take what you need and replace if you can."** We have had some participation from outside of our congregation and they have let us know how appreciative they are of the food. A few suggestions for cupboard supplies would be cereals, canned vegetables, canned meats, and possibly paper goods. Almost anything would be greatly appreciated; we ask for the winter months that anything that may freeze not be stocked in the cupboard. Wesley is such a giving family, and this is another way that we can offer our services. Blessings to all.



Food
Cupboard



Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, March 26, 2022
From 12 PM until 3:30 PM

Each Meal Includes $\frac{1}{4}$ Fried Chicken (your choice of dark or white meat), Wesley's Famous Potato Salad, One Vegetable, and Bread and Butter

1 Meal.....\$12
Extra Fried Chicken Quarter.....\$5



- Pre-Ordering and Pre-Paying are Available!
- Electronic Payment Onsite Also Available
- **Baked Goods will also be available for sale.**

***** Pre-Order and Reserve Your Pickup Time*****

Call Jan Graf today at 1-443-677-3761

to place your order and reserve your pickup time.

The final day for pre-orders is March 21st. Get your reservation in today!

You may also prepay in advance using a credit/debit card.

When you arrive at Wesley UMC, please remain in your car and follow the traffic pattern to have your order delivered to you.

*Proceeds from this drive-thru supper will benefit
Wesley United Methodist Church.*

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Save the date for
the Fall Drive-Thru
Supper: **November
12, 2022**

Wesley UMC is Hiring!

Job Description: **YOUTH GROUP LEADER**

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

Start date: March, 2022

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; work closely with the Pastor to assure program meets United Methodist standards; participate and assist Church leadership with the planning of Christian events and activities. Provide spiritual leadership to youth. Maintain logs of completed tasks, current events, and future activities. Attend monthly meetings and/or submit monthly reports to Wesley 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.

Position requires ability to physically interact with youth in playing indoor and outdoor games, activities such as camp, Conference-involved events such as ROCK, and community service projects, such as Camp Wesley, Volunteers in Mission, etc. Position also requires familiarity with Safe Sanctuary requirements in order to incorporate these requirements, policies and procedures into the youth program. Ability to successfully complete a criminal background check and fingerprint verification is mandatory.

Provide references upon request.

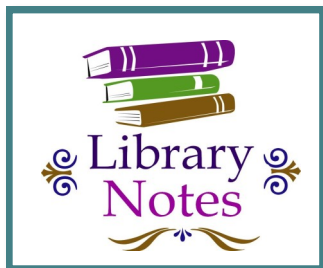
Contact:

Forward resumes with cover letter via Church mailing address, or email to Linda S. Yost, Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee, LJYost@verizon.net.

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When we experience a beautiful sunrise or sunset. when we listen to the silence of falling snow, when we see a newborn and are caught up in joy, we feel the presence of God. Likewise, when we are hurting, when we are praying for others, when we are trying to understand the sadness of death, we feel His presence. God wants us to know and understand that, no matter what we are going through, He is with us ALWAYS. Such a comforting thought!

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

We've listed some texts about God's presence here that you may find helpful:

The Sense of His Presence by David R. Mains (232) What happens when God's people really believe He is present among them? Eight things, according to David R. Mains: They really worship, They love one another, They strive for holiness, They want to serve the Lord, They become hungry for the Word, They pray boldly, They reach out in spontaneous evangelism, and They enjoy a general sense of well-being. When these factors are present, we can be sure the church is functioning as Christ intended. And we can be certain that a time of *regensis*—rebirth or revival—is on its way.

Because He Lives: Faith, Hope and Love in Action by Catherine Ritch Guess (262). A true and living example of the faith, hope, and love which emerged from the most horrid genocide in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge regime from 1975 to 1979. The story depicts the lives of Joseph and Marilyn Chan, survivors of that period, who eventually fled to a Thai refugee camp where they learned of Christianity. The drama continues when God opens the door for them to come to America, where both receive degrees at San Jose Bible College, and Joseph attends seminary classes. Their dream to go back to Cambodia to spread the Gospel, and open the doors for mission in their native homeland became a living, growing, and thriving reality.

Choosing to SEE by Mary Beth Chapman (232.1) From the beginning, Mary Beth Chapman's life was not how she planned. All she wanted was a calm, peaceful life of stability and control. Instead, God gave her an award-winning singer/songwriter husband, crazy schedules, and a houseful of creatively rambunctious children. And then, she experienced the tragedy she never could have imagined. In *Choosing to SEE*, Mary Beth unveils her struggle to allow God to write the story of her life, both the happy chapters and the tragic ones. And as the story unfolds, she's been forced to wrestle with some of life's bigger questions: Where is God when things fall apart? Why does God allow terrible things to happen? How can I survive the hard times? No matter where you find yourself in your own life story, you will treasure the way Mary Beth shows that even in the hard times, there is hope if you chose to SEE.

Never Alone by Joseph F. Girzone (232) When Joseph Girzone wrote his parable *Joshua* in 1983, he published it with no accompanying fanfare and no expectation of the extraordinary effect it would have on people around the world. With only word of mouth for advertising, and by virtue of its simple message of love, *Joshua* became an international force of spiritual strength. Joseph Girzone now unveils his own spiritual journey in *Never Alone*, and shares with his readers the profound understanding of God that enabled him to tell the remarkable tale of *Joshua*.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church Scholarship Program provides scholarships to help supplement the financial needs of today. Scholarships are for undergraduate students enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university in the United States.

Funding for the BWC scholarships is provided through the [United Methodist Student Day Special Offering](#), the BWC Board of Trustees, the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Men, and other designated gifts. Students will need to complete the online application each year. Applications are reviewed by members of the Joint Scholarship Task Force.

Scholarship applications are accepted online only **Dec 15, 2021 – March 24, 2022**. Awards are determined by the Joint Scholarship Task Force. Scholarship award email notices will be sent out in June and July 2022. Payment of scholarship awards are sent directly to the College/University for the fall term.

Important Dates:

Dec. 15 through Mar. 24: Online Application Process

Mar. 25 through May 23: Application Review Process

June/July: Award Letters Sent via E-mail to Students

Sept. 1 through Sept. 4: Checks sent to approved colleges/universities for approved students

Please review scholarship descriptions below **BEFORE APPLYING ONLINE** for a scholarship; more information can be found at <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>. Rev. Amy is happy to sign any scholarship application forms that students fill out.

Emergency Meeting of the Administrative Council • February 6, 2022

On Sunday, February 6th, there was an emergency meeting of the Administrative Council to handle an immediate concern; formal minutes were not taken. A person with two children was in need of accommodation, and individual(s) in the church desired to make the parsonage available to her and her children. A proposal was brought forward by the Outreach Committee and was fully approved by those attending the Zoom meeting. The motion was: to allow the usage of the parsonage for this young woman and her children for a period of three months to be reevaluated as needed. After that motion, another motion was fully approved by those attending the Zoom meeting. The second motion was as follows: the parsonage to be used in emergency situations as deemed by Outreach Chair, Ad Council Chair, Trustee Chair and Pastor.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary

Notes from the United Methodist Women



Wesley's UMW met on Thursday 17th in the church hall. The program was presented by Connie Wiegel. Jackie Grabowski gave the treasurers report and Linda Yost conference news. We will be working the bake table for the March chicken drive thru dinner. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We will also be supporting World Day of Prayer at our church by having the sanctuary open from 10am to 6 pm on March 4th. There will be a sign up sheet.

We would like to invite all ladies of Wesley to come help us do Gods work. Our next meeting will be April 21st at 11 am.

Connie Wiegel, President

Outreach Minutes • February 9, 2022

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Connie Wiegel, Cindy Myatt, Kim Peake, and Nan Lishman

Treasurer's Report:

Members present: Jan, Vicky, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Michelle, Rev. Amy, Linda, Janet

Two proposals presented and passed at the Ad Council on February 6, 2022:

- To allow the usage of the parsonage for this young woman and her children for a period of three months to be reevaluated as needed.
- The parsonage to be used in emergency situations as deemed by Outreach Chair, Ad Council Chair, Trustee Chair and Pastor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Cindy reported that all our missions are paid.
- She did send \$1000 to NESAP for their fuel fund.

Young Woman and Children:

- Jan and Rev. Amy will get in touch with the woman and help her with resources. We will help her to connect with county resources. May be able to help with childcare

Meals: Currently being received by Dot and Rev. Amy.

College Students:

- We have 10 College Students.
- Gift cards were sent in December, and we will send again in Spring.

Westminster Rescue Mission Meals:

- Jan will organize meals for February.
- We will send suppers over from the Chicken Supper.
- We were able to provide gift cards for the staff.

Alpha Bottles: Available in the back of church.

Spiritual Easter Baskets:

- We will be providing Spiritual Easter baskets for Shepherd's Staff.
- We will provide baskets and let people fill them.
- They need to be returned by March 27th.

Night by Night Shelter: Janet will reach out to Night by Night Shelter to see what their needs are currently.

Immigrants in our community – Jan

Vicky will send the **updated activity list** to everyone.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th at 6pm



Administrative Council Minutes • January 26, 2022

Attendees: Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill, Jan Kurtz, Matt Sichel, John Sies, Linda Yost, Reenie Harris, Linda Hollman, Brenda Kennedy, Sandy Cole, Laura Waltrup, Jen Ejek, Jonathan Yost, and Scott Palmer.

Jan opened with prayer

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Linda Yost Chair reported for SPRC:**

- Met 1/12/2022 – Kim Peake and Dave Hudgins new members.
- SPRC Webinar familiarize new members and refresh current members of what SPRC does.
- Also talked about goals for SPRC and goals for Rev. Amy.
- Reviewed some issues in 2021.
- Hopeful we may have a candidate for the Youth position.

Denny Rill, Trustee Chair:

- Met 1/5/2022. Denny was elected as Chair.
- Dean Brewer and Lee Ann Crochunis are new members.
- Reviewed work that has been completed – tree removal and some minor items.

Matt Sichel reported as a candidate for Ordained Ministry:

- Had interviews this day and he felt it went well. It was performed virtually. Additional session will be held Thursday, 1/27/2022. Expects it to be more difficult.

Matt Sichel reported As Lay Member to Annual Conference:

- General Conference Committee met today, and they are planning for General Conference to occur in August. A formal announcement at the end of March.
- Everything seems to be on track.
- Expected to land with two denominations (versus 3): Post-Separation United Methodist Church and Global Methodist Church.
- Linda reported further that the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference will be held 6/1 to 6/3 in person at the Baltimore Marriott [since this meeting, it was decided that the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held virtually.]
- If Matt passes BOOM, he will be commissioned at this Annual Conference. [As of Annual Conference, Matt will no longer be able to be the Lay Member to Annual Conference from Wesley, and his church membership will transfer. After passing the BOOM Exam, he will become a Provisional Deacon Member of the Annual Conference.]
- Linda has reported that she is allowed to vote as a conference UMW.

Jan Kurtz reporting for Outreach (Vicky Wilmer absent)

- WRM: delivered 35 — \$10 gift cards to Panera for staff in appreciation of the extra work during COVID and will continue to deliver a meal about the 3rd Tuesday of each month. They are looking for volunteer drivers of their food trucks.
- NESAP: looking for volunteers in their food pantry, in their loading dock and in their store. Possibly the UMM could assist on the loading dock.
- NESAP supports people in the Winter to help with heating costs. Gave an extra \$1,000 to help due to rising costs.

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- Night by Night shelter – delivered meals
- Wesley UMC Food Cupboard is open and available to help anyone... [including] our neighbors.
- Name of someone at Crossroads Church connecting with immigrants in area. Two people from Millers UMC are interested. There are two other people running a community center in Westminster. Plan to visit/meet. Wanted to support an immigrant family but that has proven difficult to do.

Laura reported for Finance Committee:

- Actual to Budget – Within \$326 of budget! Very solid year.
- Compared to Prior Year – Income is greater than 2020, Expenses were less other than Seminary because we did not pay any seminary in 2020, double in 2021
- Balance Sheet – Ending Main Checking Balance \$17K
- Overall we had a solid year and are grateful
- Question about Boxed Envelope Sets – Jonathan Yost ordered 100 (used to be 120). Reassigned some numbers for those who give via Vanco. We can eliminate envelopes for others who give regularly and don't use the envelopes. We need to make an effort to deliver box sets to people who are not attending in person.

Linda reported for UMW: They will not meet this month and will reevaluate for next month because of COVID.

Jen Ejk reported for Christian Ed:

- Did not meet in January.
- Will meet in February and will talk about Vacation Bible School.
- God is Love group activity with children's classes before Valentine's Day – rotating through stations.

Reenie reported on

- 1) Grief Share: Decided to wait until first of March (instead of February) and it runs 13 weeks until mid-May.
- 2) Visitation will meet in February – the number of people they visit varies but averages 8 to 10 – some in homes, some in nursing homes and they make frequent calls and send cards.
- 3) Book Club will meet this week.

Rev. Amy – Pastor's Report:

- Betty Horner's Memorial service will be on Saturday, February 26th. No other details yet.
- Trying to catch up on everything. Made 3 visits last week.
- Past week and coming week, Rev. Amy is leading Sunday School class
- Amy asked Rev. Stanley Harrell to lead "The Chosen" video series and he agreed. He wants to meet on Wednesdays starting March 9th.
- Lent starts March 2nd - Ash Wednesday. Rev. Amy proposed we do not meet during Lent. Easter is 4/17.
- There will not be an Easter Cantata this year
- Worship Committee meets and will discuss February 8th.
- Had a candidate for Youth Leader but did not pan out.
- Stanley Harrell has been pushing Rev. Amy on Evangelism and concern of what is going to happen after General Conference. What Rev. Amy is hearing from other colleagues is that people are reluctant to join a denomination that is on the cusp of a breakup. Committee agreed that we should hold off until after General Conference when we know where we stand.
- Two days with medical oncologist and are determining a treatment protocol – decision in mid-February. Continued prayers for Rev. Amy. Feels that doctor's appointments are taking over and not liking that.

Matt Sichel Closed our Meeting in Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Laura Waltrup, Substitute Secretary (edited)



MARCH 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girl Scout Meetings 6 to 8 PM GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM Trustees 7 PM	2 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	3 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	4 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM	5 World Day of Prayer: Sanctuary Open 10 AM to 6 PM
6 11 AM Traditional Worship Service	7 GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM	8 GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM	9 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM "The Chosen" Lenten Study 7 PM in Harrell Library Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	10 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	11 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM	12
13 11 AM Traditional Worship Service	14 Small Group 6:30 PM in Harrell Library	15 Girl Scout Meetings 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM <i>April Journal Submissions Due Today!</i>	16 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM "The Chosen" Lenten Study 7 PM in Harrell Library Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	17 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	18 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM	19
20 11 AM Traditional Worship Service <i>After-Church Lunch Bunch following Worship</i>	21 United Methodist Men's Meeting 6:30 PM	22 GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM	23 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM "The Chosen" Lenten Study 7 PM in Harrell Library Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	24 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	25 Office CLOSED <i>Supper Preparation- Church Reserved</i>	26 Spring Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Sup- per 12 PM to 3:30 PM
27 11 AM Contemporary Worship Service	28 Small Group 6:30 PM in Harrell Library	29 Girl Scout Meetings 6:30 to 8 PM GriefShare Meeting in Library 6:30-8:30 PM	30 Office Drop-In 2 to 4 PM "The Chosen" Lenten Study 7 PM in Harrell Library Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	31 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	<p>Worship Schedule: The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to participate in person.</p> <p>Worship services are being held indoors and in-person at 11 AM.</p>	

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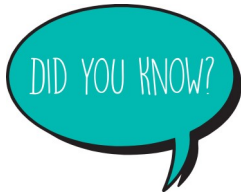
Worship Participants for March:

March 6: Liturgist—Linda Yost, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V—The Sichels

March 13: Liturgist—Matt Sichel, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V—The Sichels

March 20: Liturgist — Rev. Dr. Stanley Harrell, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V—The Sichels

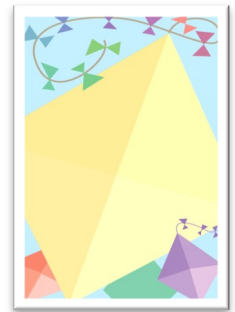
March 27: Praise Team Leader — Lisa Kemp, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V—Matt Otwell



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