



*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...

At The Maryland School for the Blind, a place where I worked for about thirteen years, they installed a playground with the usual swings, sliding board and spongy material covering the ground to reduce the risk of injury. However, this is no ordinary playground. A tall, crooked structure stands over it all. The tower is meant to be scaled, but such an achievement is not easily done. Even the strong and bravest amongst the students found it rather foreboding. A suspended bridge links one apparatus to another, but with each step the bridge sways either up or down or side-to-side based on weight and speed of steps, leaving each traveler with a sense of relief when finally arriving on steady ground at either end of the bridge.

“Letting go of the familiar. Trusting. Going forth in faith. Facing the unknown.”

Walking onto this playground is like an Outward-Bound experience. Deliberately so. Problem-solving skills, cooperation with others, a healthy measure of curiosity and an overabundance of courage is needed to navigate through what reminds me of Stonehenge if looking at it all from a distance. What is intended as a playground is actually a classroom where the learning is about having faith and being willing to seek the support of others when necessary. It is hoped that these learnings will stay with the students even when they walk off that spongy material and leave the campus and go into the world. All of this is difficult enough for any youngster, but imagine the challenge that comes with being blind!

Letting go of the familiar. Trusting. Going forth in faith. Facing the unknown. This happens to all of us at some point in our lives, whether on or off the playground. Jesus said: “Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” If we stumble or fall, there is a net to catch us. If uncertain and confused about what awaits, Jesus invites us to not be anxious and to put our trust in Him. He will not leave us unattended. Thanks be to God!

Inside This Issue:

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations, Updating Contact Info, Family & Friends to Keep in Prayer	2
“Thank You”s	3
Scouts Live Auction Flyer	4
2022 Graduates! Current Masking Information	5
The ACLB, Alpha Pregnancy Center Wish List, Wesley Women’s Fall Retreat, NESAP Family Flea Market	6
Vacation Bible School Registration Information, Wesley Book Club	7
Pastoral Appointments	8
Wesley UMC is Hiring!!	9
Library Notes	10
A Few Photos from Rev. Amy’s Celebration of Ministry, Outreach Minutes	11
June Lectionary, Administrative Council Minutes	12
Administrative Council Minutes (Continued)	13-14
June 2022 Calendar	15
June Worship Participants	Back Page



Pastor Frank



- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jack Baumiller | 19 Reed Zilberman |
| Carolyn Graf Whetsell | 21 Caitlin Insley |
| 2 Michelle Hudgins | Jackie Otwell |
| 3 Kyle Graf | 22 Andrew Wilmer |
| 6 Jayden Hughes | Todd Wilmer |
| 7 Molly Rill | 23 Chris Weaver |
| 9 Madilyn Baumiller | 25 Clay Myatt, III |
| 10 Spencer Kuhn | Carl Rill |
| Lisa Martin | Jim Rill |
| 11 Steven Beam | 26 Matt Otwell |
| Ashley (DeVilbiss) Jansson | 29 Brandon Mahosky |
| 12 Jana Zachman | 30 Curtis Gore |
| 15 Joshua Wiedefeld-Lehigh | Tim Pfoutz |
| 17 Belinda Rill | Douglas A. Rill |
| 18 Frank Grabowski | |

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| 2 Dave & Michelle Hudgins |
| 10 Craig & Lynn Williams |
| 15 Douglas & Cheryl Rill |
| 18 Matthew & Jessica Sichel |
| 19 Mike & Cherie Hughes |
| 23 Roger & Pat Daugherty |
| 26 Chris & Megan Weaver |
| 28 Matt & Jackie Otwell |
| 29 Craig & Jennifer Ejek |



Updating Your Information

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.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13, NIV



A happy belated Mother's Day, and a happy upcoming Father's Day to you! In honor of the mothers and fathers in our midst, the Outreach Committee is donating to the Rape Crisis Center and Helping Up Mission, respectively. Blessings!



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

Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis- and Denny Rill
3674 Stewartstown Rd.
Stewartstown, PA 17363

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

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

Dot Benedict
Westminster Healthcare Center
1234 Washington Road, Room 239, Bed 2
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 848-0700



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



Thank you to Bonnie Catron for her faithful organization of meals for our Wesley family members. What a blessing to those who provide food and also for those who receive it in their time of need! Good job, Bonnie!

Anonymous

Dear Wesley Church,

Please thank everyone for their willingness to send Jeff a birthday card for his 80th birthday. He really enjoyed the response and continues to read through the cards. You all are the best!

Love, Marge and Jeff Odom

I just wanted to thank you and the church for sending me the Easter card and the gift card. I appreciate you guys still thinking about me and praying for me!

Taylor Knatz

Just wanted to thank Rev. Harrell for his willingness to lead the Lenten Series (plus two extra weeks) on "The Chosen". I really enjoyed the video and discussions that followed. We are blessed to have him in our congregation sharing his knowledge and his love for Christ.

Pam Phillips

"With Thanks to All of You...You're simply wonderful."

Dear Wesley UM Church -

A huge thank you to my beloved brothers and sisters at Wesley for the beautiful "celebration of ministry" this past Sunday, May 22, 2022. It could not have been lovelier or more meaningful. I have thought of little else since. The songs, kind words, poems, presentations and LOVE meant the world to me.

Thank you for your generous monetary gift, also. With being on disability, my income has been substantially reduced, and we are both (Denny and I) very grateful for your kindness.

I love you, Wesley U. M. Church. You are, indeed, "simply wonderful." Thank you so much!!

Love — Rev. Amy

BSA Troop 380

35TH Live Benefit Auction

Snyder's Auction House Saturday, June 4th, 2022

9 am to 5 pm

Downtown Hampstead, MD

Right off Main Street, on Mott Avenue



For more information on specific items available at the auction, or to donate items, check out our website:

www.troop380hampstead.wordpress.com

or

please email us at: troop380auction@gmail.com



TROOP 380

**AWESOME DEALS
ALL DAY LONG!!!!**

EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!

Including:

- Business Gift Cards
- Wine Tastings
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Weekend Getaways
- Tools
- Small Household Appliances
- Home Décor
- Sports Memorabilia
- & More

Lunch, Homemade Snacks, & Drinks are available throughout the Day

**SPECIAL GIVEAWAYS
HAPPENING DURING
THE DAY!**

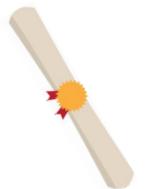


CELEBRATE



- ❖ Cory Waltrup graduates on June 1st from Manchester Valley High School. He finished all his classes in December and has been working full-time since January at Koons Toyota in Westminster learning all things auto mechanics. At this time, he plans to work through their training program and is considering taking classes at Carroll Community College in the future.
- ❖ Elijah Odukomaiya graduates on June 3rd from Springdale Preparatory School. Elijah has been accepted to Juniata College in Pennsylvania and plans to major in Information Technology Science.
- ❖ Celee Montgomery is graduating from Century High School on June 2nd. She will be attending CCBC to pursue a Fine Arts degree in digital media.
- ❖ Alayna Mahosky is graduating from Manchester Valley High School on June 1st. She plans to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston to pursue degree in cello music performance.

Congratulations to all of the 2022 graduates!
May God bless your pursuits as you seek to fulfill His will.



"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future."
Proverbs 19:20

Masking: Currently Optional



Wesley UMC's Administrative Council has voted on a "masks optional" policy for Wesley UMC. This is dependent on the conditions surrounding us regarding COVID; if the numbers increase again, we may need to re-mask. Also, please feel free to wear a mask if you desire to do so. Attendees should also socially distance when possible (sit between the blue pieces of tape on the pews) and use hand sanitizer, which can be found near the entrances to the sanctuary. Please use your discretion as to whether or not you feel comfortable attending services, and thank you for your help in protecting each other! If you or someone close to you has been exposed to COVID and/or you have been in the church building while possibly contagious, please notify Jan Kurtz at jan.kurtz@gmail.com or by phone at (443) 340-6497. Thank you!

The ACLB — Fourth Sundays



The After-Church Lunch Bunch (ACLB) is a group of church members and friends that meets on the **FOURTH SUNDAY** of each month at a local restaurant. **All are welcome!** The ACLB will be meeting next after the 10 AM church service on June 26th at **J&B Restaurant** (Chef Jeff & Brenda). **J&B** has moved to 841 South Main St., Hampstead, MD (Phone: 410-861-3038). I hope you will join us to partake of Chef Jeff's good, healthy cooking. Questions? Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121 or ichdeh@comcast.net.

Alpha Pregnancy Center Amazon Wish List

We are always so blessed when we think of you, our ministry partners, who faithfully pray for and support our center. You make it possible for us to continue to serve women and babies in need of assistance. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. Some of you have been asking for our latest wish list. Below you will find a link to our Amazon Wish List. Our ministry would cease to exist without your prayers and support. Together, through our Heavenly Father, we can continue to make a difference for Life! ***With a Truly Grateful Heart, Janice for Alpha***

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/2KJGV4T7L3VoV?type=wishlist&filter=all&sort=price-desc&viewType=grid>



Wesley Women's Fall Retreat

"Sisters 2022"

October 28—30, 2022

Camp Eder
914 Mt. Hope Road
Fairfield, PA 17320

Cost: \$130.00 each

(Sign up for contributions for dinner Friday night and breakfast for Saturday and Sunday)

Dinner at Dobbin House Saturday, October 29th at 5PM (separate checks).

Please send your email confirmation reserving your spot to Connie Wiegel (wiecon12@yahoo.com) by June 15th.

Balance due by Oct 1st.



**1st Annual
Family Flea Market**

**Saturday,
June 4, 2022**

8am - 2pm
held at Crossroads Church parking lot
1041 S Carroll St · Hampstead, MD 21074

**Please do NOT
contact the Church**

All monies raised
benefit our local neighbors in need.

If you would like to be a vendor,
visit www.nesapinc.org or contact us at:

NESAP
(Northeast Social Action Program, Inc)
1046 S Carroll St · Hampstead, MD 21074
nesap.fleamarket@gmail.com
410-374-9099



HayDay VBS is here!

Wesley UMC Vacation Bible School

June 21, 22 and 23
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Come join us on June 21, 22 and 23 for Vacation Bible School from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm! Since the evenings are short, we are asking that this be a fun family event and you remain with your child (children). Thank you for all of your support!

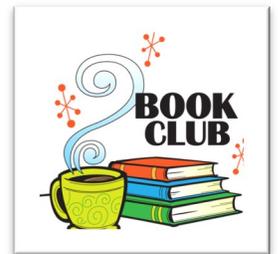
Below is the link to the Google Form to register (please complete a form for each child). If you have any questions, please contact Jen Ejka at 443-474-2269.

Google Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/gEePW3PiYZYVhGjb6>

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 June:**

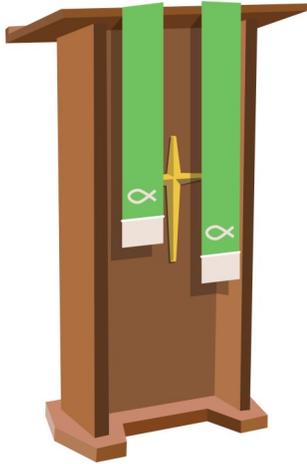


Thursday, June 30: *Murder Past Due* by Miranda James (This is the first in a series of books about a librarian and his cat. Set in the south in the quiet town of Athens, Mississippi. The book tells of escapades of Charlie Harris, a librarian turned amateur sleuth and his cat, Diesel. Charlie is a book lover and works three days a week at the college library as an archivist, volunteers the local public library and frequents the local bookstore in town, his favorite genre being "mysteries". Diesel is a Maine Coon cat who Charlie walks on a leash and goes with him almost everywhere. The town loves Diesel.)

Thursday, July 28: *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah (The story is about two very different sisters who must care for their mother after their father dies. Their mother has a past and the story is told by the mother to the sisters by way of a fairy tale.)

Thursday, August 25: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg (Mrs. Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to relaxing and traveling with her husband, Earle. The only thing left to contend with is her mother, who can be an overbearing presence for her. Then one day Sookie discovers a secret about her Mother's past that can change everything she thought she knew about herself, her family and her future.)

Pastoral Appointments



Our dear pastor, Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill, has made the difficult decision of stepping down from leadership at Wesley UMC. Pastor Frank Richardson is currently serving as our Interim Pastor through June 12th. He is providing pastoral care and leadership to our congregation. Pastor Frank welcomes the opportunity to meet with you in-person or via ZOOM. Please do not hesitate to contact him. He can be reached at docinpsychology@gmail.com or 410-746-6008.

As of July 1st, our Interim Pastor for the 2022-2023 appointment year will be the Rev. Gary Sheffield-James. Pastor Gary is a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church. He lives with his wife, Laurie, in Perry Hall. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee met him via ZOOM and enjoyed chatting and getting to know him. He is pleased to be assigned to us, and would like us to refer to him as Pastor Gary or just Gary. Always, we pray God's blessings be upon Rev. Amy, her husband, Denny, and the rest of her beloved family.

And now, a little more about Pastor Gary in his own words:

I grew up in Martinsburg, WV. Though my parents did not attend church, I found myself drawn to a neighborhood coffee house. The coffee house was at Otterbein UMC. Supported by leaders motivated by God's grace and love, the program offered acceptance and support to those outside the church walls. My faith journey was impacted by their Christian witness. Soon, I became active in worship and Sunday school. I knew the church, and the strength of its witness, would become an important part of my life.

I attended Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, WV and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology in 1979. After college, I entered Wesley Seminary to begin the two-fold process of getting a degree and engaging in the rigorous process of becoming ordained. I received my Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 1984.

I was ordained as a Deacon in 1983 and an Elder in 1986. I've been privileged to serve the following appointments: 1983, Shenandoah Junction: Bethel-Bethesda; 1985, Westminster: St. James-Stone Chapel; 1989, Mt. Carmel-New Market; 1998, Brookeville: Salem; 2000, Baltimore: Arnolia; 2008, Riderwood: Hunt's Memorial; 2017, Highland: Mt. Zion

Because of the faith and talents of people serving in these churches, I've been able to provide leadership in achieving various goals. I've led two congregations through mergers. Furthermore, I initiated a half a million-dollar capital campaign to finance building renovations. Through the grace of God and faithfulness of the congregation, these improvements came to fruition. At my last appointment, the congregation celebrated a mortgage burning ceremony, freeing itself from debt.

As a member of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, I have served on the following boards and committees; BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministry), DCOM (District Committee on Ministry), Conference Moving Committee, and Frederick District Parsonage Committee.

When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, playing guitar, and traveling. In fact, my wife Laurie and I are looking forward to traveling to New Zealand and Australia this October.

This year Laurie and I will celebrate our 39th anniversary. We plan to celebrate with our daughter, Samantha, who lives in Louisiana and our son, Andy and his wife Karlie, who live in White Marsh.

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: August/September 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.

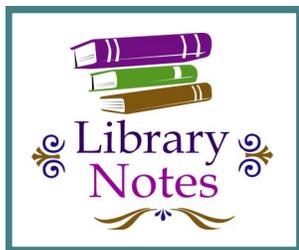
Contact:

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

Wesley United Methodist Church

3239 Carrollton Road, Hampstead, MD 21074

Phone: 410-374-4027 | wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org



When we think of June, the beginning of summer, we have visions of vacations at the beach, mountains, the lake, etc. There are so many activities to participate in while away, but what about our down time? READ!!! A terrific way to relax, spend time using our imagination, and escape reality!

Perhaps you can take one or more of these with you this summer:

A Code of Honor by Carole Jefferson (Fiction). The timing is perfect. Just when Sadie Speers learns that her pen pal Donelle's church has collapsed, she comes across a stash of antiques in Campfire Chapel's attic. Among the valuables are a gorgeous, old leather Bible, notated with a series of cryptic markings, and a signed vintage menu from a Memphis, Tennessee, dinner tucked inside. Sadie immediately sees the potential for selling the items to help her friend's struggling Appalachian church. But when she tries to convince the congregation to allow her to do so, dissent among members breaks out about how the money should be used – which becomes a moot point when it is stolen. As Sadie tries to recover the funds, she examines the old Bible more closely and becomes convinced that the markings hide an important message. But the coded text raises more questions than answers. Who owned the Bible? And how did it connect Silver Peak to Memphis at a pivotal moment in the civil rights movement? Volume 7 in the "Mysteries of Silver Peak" series.

Coast to Coast by Marble Cove [Sunni Jeffers] (Fiction) Margaret is shocked to see her old nemesis, art critic Harriet Malcolm, at her church's Easter service, talking about her to another churchwoman. Will Margaret find the courage to confront Harriet, or will hurt feelings blind her to possibilities she never considered? Meanwhile, Diane learns that a film crew has arrived unexpectedly in Marble Cove to start filming the movie based on her book. Will her newfound fame come at too dear a price? As Beverly finalizes her wedding plans, she realizes how much she missed her mother and wonders how she would feel about Jeff, until she receives her mom's blessing in an unexpected way. And Shelley must step up and become more involved than ever with her husband's family—and his prickly mother Frances—when the elder Bauers are thrown into crisis. Volume 23 in the Marble Cove series.

Off the Shelf by Emily Thomas (Fiction). When the mayor of Blue Hill visits Anne to talk about a new tax proposal that will soon go before the town council, she's excited about the possibilities. The additional funding could provide more library resources and programs, as well as pay some of Anne's dedicated volunteers. But when popular children's books begin vanishing from the shelves, Anne discovers that it is just the top of an iceberg of political intrigue involving the proposed levy. Can she find out who is behind the scheme and expose their plans before it's too late? Meanwhile, Ben befriends Joey, a new boy at school, who spends an increasing amount of time at the library and begins frequently staying overnight with Ben's family. As Anne observes Joey's unkempt appearance, she soon realizes there is more to his story than meets the eye. Volume 6 of the "Secrets of the Blue Hill Library" series.

Alone at the Well by Sandi Rog (Fiction) Broken. Rejected. A Failure. On Photine's daily trek to Jacob's well, one step forward is another step back into her past as she relives the dismal events of her life. All she knows is brokenness, much like the waterpot she carries on her head. Rejection from those who used to be her friends is commonplace. Failure should be her name. After all, who else in all of Samaria has gone through five husbands? And now she no longer sacrifices for her sins. Why bother when she's just going to commit the same act every single day? She no longer cares. Then one day, a day that started out like all the others, she meets a man at the well who offers something she had all but given up on. Hope. Volume 21 of The Ordinary Women of the Bible Series.

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

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

Bonnie Catron and Nan Lishman, Librarians

A Few Photos from Rev. Amy's Celebration of Ministry • May 22, 4 PM



Outreach Minutes • May 11, 2022, 6 PM

Members present: Connie Wiegel, Cindy Myatt, Michelle Hudgins, Janet Martin, Linda Yost, and Vicky Wilmer

- We reviewed the activities for the rest of the year and made plans to accomplish them. We discussed our gift for Rev. Amy.
- Cindy shared the Treasurer's report. All our bills are paid for currently. We will need to make plans for fundraisers soon.
- We are currently providing meals for Rev. Amy and Denny and Dot Benedict.
- We continue to provide a meal for the Rescue Mission each month. The UWF will provide the meal for May. Vicky will coordinate the meal for June 14th.
- Janet shared that the Night by Night Mission needs breakfast-to-go items such as: cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, soft breakfast bars and soft granola bars.
- We will donate \$100 for the Rape Crisis Center on behalf of all the women in the congregation for Mother's Day. We will donate to Helping Up Mission on behalf of all the men in the congregation for Father's Day.
- Vicky sent gift cards for the 10 college students at Easter. We have heard from some of the students thanking us.
- Connie stated that many people have been using the Wesley Cupboard. Paper products and personal hygiene products seem to be popular. Currently it is low right now.
- Jan is continuing to explore ways to reach out to the immigrants in the community.
- Linda will be coordinating our Back-to-School Drive for NESAP in July.
- We are making plans for our annual church picnic on September 11 after service in the pavilion.
- We discussed supporting sending children connected to the Helping Up Mission to camp during the summer. Cindy will talk with Rev. Stanley and Laura.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 6 pm

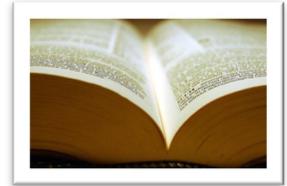
June Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

June 5 (Pentecost Sunday): Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12 (Trinity Sunday / Peace with Justice Sunday): Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 19 (Father's Day): 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



Administrative Council Minutes • April 27, 2022, 7 PM

Attendees: Jan Kurtz (Chairperson), Brenda Kennedy, Jess Sichel, Sandy Cole, Connie Wiegel, Matt Sichel, Janet Martin, Linda Yost, Denny Rill, Jonathan Yost, Pastor Frank J. Richardson, Jr., John Sies, Vicky Wilmer, Laura Waltrup, Jen Ejk, and Reenie Harris.

Meeting convened at 7:09 PM with prayer by Pastor Frank.

Committee Reports:

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) - Linda Yost. The SPRC will be meeting tomorrow at 8:30 PM virtually (after choir) for the District Superintendent to introduce the Pastor assigned to Wesley UMC.

Trustees—Denny Rill

- There was a work day last week at the parsonage. The yard was cleaned up and mulched.
- The mold at the parsonage has been removed. New flooring, ceilings, and painting is now needed. We originally had \$6,000 budgeted for the parsonage project; \$4,200 of it has been spent. Between about \$8,000 and \$9,000 will be needed to finish the project.
 - Right now, there are asbestos tiles down in the basement. If regular tile is put down, then there may be issues with disturbance of the asbestos. As long as the current tile stays down, there should not be an asbestos issue. The current tile is chipped, etc.
 - Carpet is an option, but will be more of a moisture issue. Carpet pricing is in the \$3,200 to \$4,200 ballpark.
 - Laminate flooring is another option. That may cost between \$6,000 and \$7,500. Denny said that most people are leaning in this direction.
 - The dehumidifiers are being run full time in the basement.
 - Denny is recommending and urging for the project to be done now. We will know tomorrow if the new Pastor will use the parsonage.
- A motion came from Trustees asking to go ahead and finish the project; a vote was taken. All were in favor, none were against, none abstained. Thanks were extended to Denny.
- There will hopefully be another work day in May on a Wednesday afternoon.

Outreach Committee—No Report.

(Continued on Next Page)

(Continued from Previous Page)

United Women in Faith—Connie Wiegel

- Eight ladies met last week.
- May 17th, the ladies will gather at the church to cook for the Westminster Rescue Mission.
- May 22nd, the ladies will be participating in Rev. Amy's retirement celebration.
- June 12th, the ladies will have United Women in Faith Sunday and Graduate Sunday. They will present their mission pins at that service.
- Beginning in September of 2022, the women will be ushering every second Sunday of the month.

Sunday School—Jen Ejk

- Sunday School is wrapping up; the last day for Sunday School will be May 22nd.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 21st through 23rd from 6:30 to 8 PM. The theme will be heyday farm; Jen just received the kit.

Visitation—Reenie Harris: Easter cards were sent out. Also, right now, the group is very communion and visit-focused.

GriefShare—Reenie Harris: GriefShare has four more weeks. This session has six participants and is going well.

United Methodist Men—The group elected not to meet in May because of the low turnout that was going to occur; instead, they will work on a program for the third Monday in June.

Treasurer—Laura Waltrup

- Laura provided a brief report about our financial status; she has not yet done the financial report due to time constraints but has committed for the next meeting.
- Laura is very comfortable with our financial situation. There is about \$35,000 in our operations account, so there is enough of a surplus to cover the parsonage.
- **Laura is targeting the end of the year to turn over the reigns of Treasurer. A replacement is needed. The job takes time more than anything. It can take between ten and forty hours a month.** Laura said that the position should probably be paid. She also advised against the position being handled by two people. Pastor Frank said that Laura and the new pastor should sit down and go over the position. Laura can share the details of the job with someone. She also said that the person who takes the position should be QuickBooks familiar and ready to hit the ground running. Thanks were extended to Laura.

Worship—Janet Martin

- For Mother's Day, there will be small potted plants for all women in church.
- As Jen said, the last day for Sunday School is May 22nd.
- Geraniums will be ordered for Pentecost [since this meeting, worship has decided to have those who order the geraniums take them home after the Pentecost worship service.] [If we were to be planting them,] the Boy Scouts are offering to help with outside things, and we should approach people ahead of time to help.
- The question of whether summer services should be inside or outside came up. Per Janet, some are asking why go outside if COVID-19 is not a problem? Also, the equipment, much of which belongs to Lisa and Paul, would not be good being taken in and out of the church and the equipment would need to be taken in and out of the church every Sunday. While it all depends on COVID, Jan Kurtz was in favor of not having services outside unless we absolutely have to. The group came to the same decision. **Summer services will be inside.**
- **Summer Worship Start Time:** Connie Wiegel asked what time we would be starting services in the summer. It was decided that we would begin 10 AM Worship Services on Sunday, June 5th.
- Graduate Sunday will be on the June 12th during the United Women in Faith Sunday worship service, not on Father's Day [which is the 19th].

(Continued on Next Page)

(Continued from Previous Page)

Lemonade on the Lawn—Reenie Harris. Reenie said that if Lemonade on the Lawn is to happen, help is needed. The ladies are getting older and need some help. Jan Kurtz said that if people are in need of help, go ahead and give others a week's advanced notice; also, other people are willing to help. Make sure to voice it if you need assistance. It was noted that everybody enjoys Lemonade on the Lawn.

Nominating/Lay Leadership Development Committee—Pastor Frank: The Nominating Committee met and lifted Linda Yost's name as Lay Member to Annual Conference. Matt is becoming a commissioned deacon this Annual Conference. Linda accepted the nomination.

New Business:

- There was a great deal of discussion about the May 22nd celebration of Rev. Amy's ministry at 4 PM. Pastor Frank, Linda Yost, and Janet Martin are putting together a structure for the event. There is a ritual for a Pastor leaving, we will have Communion, the choir will sing, gifts will be given in words or objects, and recollections of shared things with Amy can be given. Pastor Frank is working to invite folks from Rev. Amy's churches in Hamden and Catonsville. Help will be needed to set up and to video the event for later on. Various groups will be participating. A congregational gift was discussed. The deadline to get back to Pastor Frank, Linda Yost, or Janet is May 8th if you would like to be a speaker at the event. Pastor Frank is envisioning 20 to 25 minutes of service with the rest of the time being presentations.
- Matt Sichel reached out to the District Superintendent about the changes concerning his commissioning on June 3rd. Deacons are in charge of securing their own appointments with approval from the Bishop; these are not always at a church. There is space in the Book of Discipline for an appointment to a research doctoral program, which is what Matt is currently doing part-time, but a deacon needs to be full-time. His secondary appointment will hopefully be to Wesley UMC. These requests are usually granted. The question is whether or not Matt will be approved to be a part-time student. If he is not approved to be only a part-time student, he has talked with Linda Yost about a contingency plan with the possibility of continuing half-time as a student and being quarter-time clergy in exchange for continued financial support for his seminary education. His role will be to assist the appointed elder in addition to teaching and occasional preaching. This will need to be finalized at the next Ad. Council meeting; Matt is currently waiting for the District Superintendent to approve the first scenario—his appointment as a part-time student. Further discussion was tabled.
- Pastor Frank had two issues concerning Nominations. First, can two people be appointed to Annual Conference? (This answer depends on our membership numbers and the current rule, which is not known). Second, what about having a chairperson and a vice-chairperson? This is something that has been done on Ad. Council; our most recent Vice-Chair was Rev. Amy. Lee Ann Crochunis was asked to be the current Vice-Chairperson for Ad. Council and has accepted the nomination ASAP. A discussion was then held about having an Order for the Celebration of an Appointment (out of the Book of Worship) during the Welcome and Announcements for the two new candidates. It was noted that there are other people who took over roles in the recent past who were not recognized. Jess Sichel will pull the information on people appointed as of 1/1/2022 for Pastor Frank (Pastor Frank also needs the information for the previous Lay Leadership in those positions).

Update on Gordon Benson: Gordon is doing well, helping Brenda. There are still some hurdles, including radiation and chemo. June will be a critical month, with radiation every day and chemo once a week.

The meeting was **closed in prayer** by Matthew Sichel at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Sichel, Recording Secretary



JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>Summer Worship Schedule:</u> 10 AM Worship The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to be in person.</p>		<p>¹ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM Visitation Committee at J&Ps Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>² Choir Rehearsal 7 PM</p>	<p>³ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>⁴</p>
<p>⁵ Pentecost Sunday Choir Sunday Harris Scholarship Awards</p>	<p>⁶ Small Group Dinner & Discussion in Fellowship Hall & Harrell Library 6:30 PM</p>	<p>⁷</p>	<p>⁸ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM</p>	<p>⁹ Wesley UWF at Parsonage Pavilion 11 AM</p>	<p>¹⁰ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>¹¹</p>
<p>¹² Trinity Sunday UWF/Graduate Sunday 10 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>¹³</p>	<p>¹⁴</p>	<p>¹⁵ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM Finance 7 PM <i>July/August Journal Submissions Due Today!</i></p>	<p>¹⁶</p>	<p>¹⁷ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>¹⁸</p>
<p>¹⁹ Father's Day 10 AM Traditional Worship Matt Sichel Preaching</p>	<p>²⁰ UMM Meeting 6:30 PM Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM Set Up for VBS</p>	<p>²¹ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>²² Office CLOSED Administrative Council 7 PM</p>	<p>²³</p>	<p>²⁴ Office CLOSED 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>²⁵</p>
<p>²⁶ 10 AM Contemporary Worship Linda Yost Preaching After-Church Lunch Bunch following Worship</p>	<p>²⁷</p>	<p>²⁸</p>	<p>²⁹ Office Drop-In 10 to 12 PM</p>	<p>³⁰ Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM</p>		

VBS 6:30 to 8 PM

SCHEDULE OF



WORSHIP



We're on the Web! Visit us at:
<https://wesleychurch-hampstead.org>

Phone: (410) 374-4027
Email: wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org

Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendar Inside!

We seek to be a community filled with
the hope and love of Jesus.

Worship Participants for June:

June 5: Greeter—TBA, Liturgist—John Sies, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Team—The Sichels

June 12: Greeters—UWF, Liturgist—UWF, Acolyte—TBD, A/V Team—TBD

June 19: Greeters—TBA, Liturgist — Stanley Harrell, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels

June 26: Greeters—TBA, Contemporary Praise Team, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels



- 2022 Graduates (Graduate Sunday—June 12th!)
- Vacation Bible School Registration Information
- Alpha Pregnancy Center Wish List

...and more!

The Wesley Journal June 2022 Issue



Wesley United Methodist Church
3239 Carrollton Rd.
Hampstead, MD 21074
The Rev. Dr. Frank Richardson, Interim Pastor
Address Service Requested