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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...

Dear Members & Friends:

I am excited to be appointed to Wesley Church. In reading Wesley's historical narrative, I became aware that it's not just about dates and events, though the details are important, but about the names of the people who served Wesley through the generations.



I am told that this strong commitment and faithfulness continues today. Along with a strong faith and many gifts, Wesley also faces concerns and challenges related to the future direction of the church.

I would like to share some words of gratitude. I thank Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill for her faithful leadership during the last eight years. I am appreciative of the caring and direction that Rev. Dr. Frank J. Richardson, Jr. has offered. Finally, I'd like to express my appreciation to members of the Staff Parish Rela-

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tionship Committee and chair, Linda Yost, for its warm welcome.

Philippians 3:12-17 speaks to me as I think about Wesley. The Apostle Paul charges the church with the following words:

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wonderfully reached out to me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision – you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it. "

"The Message" by Eugene H. Peterson

Paul reminds me that I come not as one who 'has it all together', or one 'who has finished the race' but instead

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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.

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

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

Our Condolences...

We offer our condolences to Sandy and Irby Cole and family on the death of their son, Kevin Cole, on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. May God hold you close as you mourn Kevin's passing and celebrate his life.



Change of Address

Fran Crispin

Apache Campground Mobile 31 9700 Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC 29572





Two More Graduates—Congratulations!!

Preston Reilly

Jayden Elizabeth Hughes (graduated from Manchester Valley High School and Carroll County VO-Tech's Cosmetology Program)



Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County; Unexpected pregnancy, unexpected joy!

Dear friends at Wesley United Methodist,

We are overjoyed to have you join with us in standing for LIFE! Thank you so much for your great generosity. Your gift will help us to provide love, compassion and care to women and their little ones! With your help and God's grace we can build a culture of LIFE! God bless you all in the New Year!

Laura, Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County (410-871-HOPE / www.friendsofpscwestminster.org)

Mrs. Wilmer & United Methodist Women

Thank you so much for the card and Amazon gift card. I truly appreciate the love, support and prayers. I have finished my classes for my 1st year and now have two weeks of finals. Please keep me in your prayers as I will be very stressed during this time.

Also unsure when this will get to you so also happy Mother's Day. Thank you all for being such wonderful people. Hope all is well and thank you again.

Best, Storm Smith

Dear Wesley Church Family,

Thank you so much for the graduation card & Amazon gift card. I will use the gift card towards purchasing things for my college dorm room. I will be attending the University of Alabama.

Thanks again for thinking of me & for your support.

Love, Preston Reilly

"From the Desk of the Pastor" Continued...

as a servant who is on a journey, keeping 'my eye on the goal' and listening to 'God's call beckoning us onward – to Jesus'.

After sharing God's call, Paul gives this charge to the church – 'So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision – you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it. "

Paul's clarion call is vital for us today. The world is polarized in many ways, manifesting itself in our society, nation, and world. We face polarization in the United Methodist Church. How do we remain faithful and hopeful during such a time? To help us keep focus, the late Bishop Joe Yeakel's often reminded us how to do this by sharing this statement - "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." Of course, his words are not original. The Apostle Paul's stated this same truism over two thousand years ago when he reminded the church that "God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus . . . So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. Paul's charge to the church is still paramount today.

My first Sunday in the pulpit is July 3. We will worship the God who bestows grace and mercy upon us. We celebrate Holy Communion, giving our thanks to God's grace which is offered to all. May God's love undergird and strengthen us as we move forward and strive to keep our focus on the One who makes all that we strive to do possible.

Grace & Peace, Gary

Pastor Gary begins his appointment at Wesley on July 1st. Should a pastoral need arise, or should you like to contact him for another reason, please feel free to call the church at (410) 374-4027 or call Pastor Gary directly at (410) 963-8618. We are still in the process of getting Pastor Gary's email address up and running; within the next couple of weeks, it should transition to pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org. Thank you for your patience!

Masking: Currently Optional



Wesley UMC's Administrative Council has voted to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) or the Baltimore-Washington Conference (whichever is more stringent). At this time, the community level for Carroll County is "Low," meaning that we should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if we have symptoms.

We are currently "mask optional" at Wesley; 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!

~ Independence Day ~

On July 4th –What is July 4th?

It's a holiday for everybody. Picnics – Barbeques – etc. Fun time, but what is July 4th? It's to celebrate the birth of our country in 1776. We were fighting the Revolutionary War to obtain America's freedom from England's stronghold. What is freedom? We can do almost anything within reason in this country. God has been very good to us. Liberty means Spirit of the Lord.



II Corinthians 3:17 says "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty". So, this holiday July 4th, take a few minutes to thank God for that freedom and what it means to you. Hold on to it!! And think about what it would mean if you lost it.

I don't know about you, but I love America. I love my freedom. Do you?

(Thank you to Deanna Sies for sharing her gift of the written word.)

Notes from the United Methodist Men • June 20, 2022

Another fine meeting with 8 in attendance. Thanks to Jim, Denny and Stanley for providing the meal.

Chet provided a devotion appropriate to Fathers Day, discussing the relationship of God the Father and his son, Jesus and drawing from John 5:17-30, showing how God's love and actions reflected on Jesus and how we might also reflect these traits in our own lives.

Jim presented a slide show on his trip to the Adriatic region in fall of 2021. The presentation provided a lot of interesting history, architecture, culture, interactions with the locals and the always popular art of truffle hunting.

Administrative notes: Thanks from Rev Amy to the UMM for the gifts provided at her ceremony. We discussed speakers for the fall and future meetings. Some usual suspects were raised. We discussed fundraising to support outreach missions and agreed to resurrect pancake breakfasts in the fall. Account balance sits at \$272, not including good will offering collected.

There was a discussion about considering changing our name from UMM in light of the changes happening in the church. The recommendation is that we learn more about the change options and direction of the church prior to any other actions.

Next meeting is planned for Monday, September 19th at 6:30pm.

GriefShare Summary



Another 13-week session of Wesley GriefShare ended this past Tuesday evening, May 24th. We averaged a group of six throughout this session; and as each week passed, more empathy was shown within our group. Feedback was very positive. Some of the comments given were: "Closer relationship with God.", "Made new friends.", "I feel like everything made sense.", "Felt like I did too much talking.", "Treated like family and with respect.",

"They really listen.", "This group is TOPS".

Bonnie and I plan to start another session in September.

Reenie Harris and Bonnie Catron

"Train Up a Child..."



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6, KJV

Is the Holy Spirit calling **you** to a teaching role? Step out in faith! Sunday School teachers may be needed for the Fall here at Wesley. If you are feeling a pull to serve in Christian Education, see Jen Ejk (jenniferejk@yahoo.com or 443-474-2269).

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

July 3: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

July 31: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 7: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



A Letter from Our Church Librarians...

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Dear Wesley Family,

We have truly enjoyed working in the Wesley Church Library, cataloging books and writing the newsletter each month. We feel, though, that we should pass on the torch to someone else now and are asking for volunteers. Ideally, two, three, or four people would work well-it's a great time to visit together while doing a bit of work. We will train and support you for as long as it takes! If you are interested, please contact Bonnie or Nan. Our email and contact numbers are in the church directory.

Thanks so much for your support! Bonnie and Nan

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 August:**

- **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.)

Happy reading! Reenie Harris 🛛 🖽 🛱

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 July 24th at **J&B Restaurant** (Chef Jeff & Brenda). **J&B** is located at 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. The August meeting location is to be announced.

Questions? Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121 or ichdeh@comcast.net.



Lay Member to Annual Conference Report

The 238th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference was held Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Friday, June 3, 2022 with online sessions being broadcast from Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City, Maryland. There were some limited in-person opportunities, but again this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most met virtually to worship, pray, sing, discuss, vote, cry and rejoice. The theme of this year's session was "Persevere: In Hope, Faith and Joy" and our Bishop LaTrelle Easterling called us to indeed persevere. The Scripture passage that guided the Conference was Hebrews 12:1-3. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so close-ly, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart."

I have come to enjoy Annual Conference, partially because I have played a part in its creation. By virtue of my office as Conference United Women in Faith President, over the last four years I have attended Connectional Table twice each year to hear new resolutions being brought before the body for discussion and to vote concurrence (yes) or non-concurrence (no), and sometimes sending the resolutions back to committee for reworking and rewording. Those resolutions affirmed would be brought before the entire membership at Annual Conference. I have also been included in monthly Sessions Committee meetings wherein we pondered, honed, and perfected the theme, agenda, and logistics of the Annual Conference each year. But even as my UWF Presidency will come to an end this December, as Wesley's Lay Member to Annual Conference, I will continue to be able to meet and see UWF sisters, friends, pastors, lay members, and everyone else I know throughout the Baltimore-Washington Conference, which is the real source of my enjoyment. Next year, God willing, we will participate together in person in Baltimore.

Annual Conference began with the "Clergy Session" to which only clergy are invited. It is within this session that candidates for commissioning and ordination are reviewed and voted on, yea or nay. These persons are presented at the Ordination and Commissioning Service held on the last day of Annual Conference. We all know that our own Matt Sichel was commissioned as Deacon of the United Methodist Church, and we are very proud of and happy for him and his family.

A highlight for me was the opportunity to nominate pastors for the Episcopacy, in other words, for the office of Bishop. After a number of voting sessions, The Rev. Joseph Daniels, pastor of Emory UMC in Washington, D.C., was endorsed by members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to be a candidate for the episcopacy when the Northeastern Jurisdiction next holds elections for bishops Nov. 2-5. Rev. Daniels has served for 30 years as pastor of Emory UMC and served as the district superintendent of the Greater Washington District. Emory UMC was a congregation that had almost been closed on three occasions and sold twice. But under Rev. Daniel's leadership, the church experienced revival and moved from 55 people to more than 400 people in worship. As senior pastor, he also oversaw the construction of a \$60 million, affordable housing

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project, called the Beacon Center, located on the church property. "I am unbelievably humbled and honored," Rev. Daniels told Conference members as he accepted the endorsement. "I simply ask that God's will be done. If God's will is done, all will be well," he said.

Members passed resolutions on: Lovely Lane UMC; housing; global warming; mission; and church polity.

The guest speaker for our Laity Session, which is open to all lay members and clergy, was Chris Wilterdink, of Discipleship Ministries, who spoke on inclusion of Young People in the Church's Mission and Ministry. His message to us was a call to action: the systems that congregational leaders put into place today will either help youth grow in faith to transform the world, or nudge them to step away from the church and their faith.

We attended a very moving Service of Remembrance wherein we celebrated a "great cloud of witnesses" with the families of 31 clergy, 12 clergy spouses and 10 lay members to Annual Conference who died during the past year: <u>https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/service-of-remembrance-celebrates-great-cloud-of-witnesses/</u> "We each have our own unique stories of grief and loss," The Rev. Frankie Revell said, who lost 8 members of his family over the last two years, not from COVID, but from the ravages of poverty. From his own losses, he learned, "We're supposed to be here for each other. We don't enter muddy waters of faith alone. ... God means what God says: He says, 'I am with you forever.'" Rev. Revell added, he learned that, "We only have time for the things that allow people to draw near. Be patient, gentle, and graceful with your-self. Be kind, loving, and forgiving with your neighbors, and embrace the ways of grief with your Savior by your side. We need each other," he said.

Throughout the three days, we listened to numerous reports, some being: Discipleship Ministries; Church Vitality; Nominations; Stewardship which included the 2023 Budget and our Mission Shares in action; and an update on the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case.

The Trustees outlined the process for church disaffiliation, i.e., how a church can leave its Annual Conference, ours being the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The Trustees also reported on church closings.

The service of Commissioning and Ordination on Friday evening began with an Ordination Processional from outside Glen Mar UM Church, passing through a double line of family and friends, and on into the church sanctuary. Rev. Tony Love preached a powerful and Spirit-filled sermon, followed by the commissioning and ordination of candidates by Bishop Easterling. There were many smiles and tears of joy as the Bishop laid hands upon each one and gave each a blessing.

All reports can be accessed in greater detail on the Baltimore-Washington Conference website: bwcumc.org, Click on Events and then choose 2022 Annual Conference.

Thank you for your confidence in me as I serve, to the best of my ability, as your Lay Member to Annual Conference.

> In Christ's Name, Linda S. Yost

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We are in the middle of so many issues and incidents in this country and world for which we are constantly in prayer. In the midst of all of the chaos, we need to remember that our God is in control. He loves us and promises to see us through all of our trials, walking beside us and holding our hand. Let us give it all to our Father, and lighten up our minds with a bit of humor:

Laugh and the Whole Church Laughs with You! by Rebecca Christian (Fiction). A collection of funny stories, church bulletin bloopers, and innocent words of children for spiritual laughs.

- 1001 Quotes, Illustrations & Humorous Stories for Preachers, Teachers & Writers by Edward K. Rowell (255). When looking for a lively quip for a sermon, lesson, speech, or article, or an illustration to tickle the funny bone, or a quote to grab your listeners' attention, here is help for you to freshen your message and drive your point home. It has a well-organized format so you can easily find exactly what you need and permission to photocopy pages so you can build your own resource files.
- *Rolling in the Church Aisles* by Rebecca Christian (Fiction). Church humor from church bulletins, sermons, and even the parking lot and church office.
- She Who Laughs, Lasts! by Ann Spangler (240) This hilarious compilation of humor will tickle your funny bone with the pranks and predicaments of some of today's best-known Women of Faith. These women have learned the truth that Scripture proclaims: "A cheerful heart is good medicine." By sharing their funniest and most embarrassing moments, they also share their assurance that a loving God is at work, firmly in control even if they are not.
- Leaking Laffs Between Pampers and Depends by Barbara Johnson (232) ...an amazing collection of wacky wit is packed into this boisterously funny book that's full of "laff leaks" about *every* stage of a woman's life—from diapers to dentures. No matter what stage of the "hormonal cesspool" you're splashing through, there's something here to touch your heart. You'll love Barb's quirky empty-nest de-cluttering strategies, her joyful insights on stress-soothing, husband handling, kid-corralling, and parent-parenting.
- Amusing Grace by King Duncan (800) We've all been there. Sometimes we get the gold mine—sometimes the shaft. What do we do in the latter case? The Iglulik Eskimos have assaying that "evil prevails where laughter is not known." Laughter helps us keep our balance as we ride the rapids of life. Laughter relieves stress and promotes hope. Laughter is a gift from God. It's not to be taken lightly—no pun intended. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)
- *World's Greatest Collection of Church Jokes* by Paul M. Miller (800) Does God have a sense of humor? He must have—He made *us*, didn't He? And then He put us all together in a great big thing He called "the church", where we meet for worship, teaching, and potluck dinners. Need a little humor in your life? Then shout "Amen" and read this book!

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. <u>Please</u> 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.

Outreach Proposal for Prayer at the Pavilion

The Outreach Committee brought forward a proposal to the Administrative Council, which was forwarded to the Administrative Council via email by the Vice-Chairperson, Lee Ann Crochunis, for a vote. All votes received were in favor, though it was noted by at least one voting member that particular things may need to be done to ensure safety and insurance coverage, upon which the member's vote depended. The Vice-Chairperson deemed the vote to be in favor of the proposal (see the following).

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

Our church is in a lovely location – whether you call it the "Castle Among the Cornfields" or "the middle of nowhere," it is truly pastoral and peaceful. What better place could there be to invite people to pray and find rest in the arms in the Great Comforter?

Proposal: Use our pavilion as our invitation to the community to come, pray, and find hope in Jesus. It is just about ready-made and would take very little effort.

Suggested Details:

- "Open" the pavilion as a place to pray from Dawn to Dusk
- Include a prayer request book and pen (in a waterproof container).
- Provide information, literature, and even free Bibles for those who are seeking (another waterproof container). We are called to share the Good News!
- Advertise A couple of well-placed signs, advertising (print and/or community Facebook pages, etc.). Signs can direct people through the parsonage breezeway.
- Place a camera for security and for testimony (a leader of a prayer room in Frederick noticed a group of teenagers coming in on Friday evenings for weeks in a row to pray that is God at work!).

It really is as simple as that! Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will Provide.

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • June 8, 2022

Members Present: Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Michele Hudgins, Jan Kurtz, Connie Weigel

Treasurer's Report – Paid bills for 2^{nd} quarter and July will pay 3^{rd} quarter.

Meals for Rev. Amy and Dot when she gets home.

Rescue Mission Needs/Meals – Vicky heading it up Tuesday.

- Menu: Chicken parmesan sandwich on roll, Caesar salad, corn, dessert
- In July, Janet will be in charge. We will probably have a picnic. More information to follow.
- Night by Night Shelter Janet Martin stated that they are still need breakfast items. They have at least 30 people a night. Examples of breakfast items include soft granola bars, fruit cups, little muffins, pop tarts. We will put a box in the back of the church to collect.

Wesley Cupboard – Connie stated we are very good shape. It has been receiving steady activity.

Immigrants in the Community – Jan is working on setting up a clothing drive and connecting with the immigrants working locally.

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Back to School Drive – Linda will check at NESAP to see what their needs are.

- **Church Picnic** will be Sept. 11th. Outreach will provide the paper goods, drinks, and chicken. The attendees will provide the sides and desserts.
- **Fundraiser** Tea for ladies of the car clubs that Vicky and Gary belong to. It will be held on October 15th at noon and cost will be \$30.00. Menu: small salad, scones, clotted cream, chicken salad sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, quiches, black bottoms, lemon bars, cherry cheese cakes

New Business:

- Helping up Mission Summer Camp: it was decided that we will use outreach funds. Women's group may also contribute.
- Proposal for a prayer pavilion.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, at 6 pm

Administrative Council Minutes • May 25, 2022 at 7 PM

Attendees: Jan Kurtz—Chair, Lee Ann Crochunis—Vice Chair, Rev. Frank Richardson, Laura Waltrup, Jon Yost, Janet Martin, Reenie Harris, Brenda Kennedy, Michelle Hudgins, Phillip Daugherty, John Sies, Denny Rill, Linda Hollman, Linda Yost, Jen Ejk, Dave Hudgins, and Scott Palmer.

Rev. Frank opened us with prayer.

Committee Reports:

Trustees – Denny Rill

- Painting started in parsonage in the basement \$3,375 for entire basement. Moving forward with flooring for \$4,515. Before we proceed with ceiling tile, considering replacing the existing copper pipe with PVC pipe.
- The Trustees posed to the Ad Council that it is time to decide on the parsonage: do we continue to use it, sell it, rent it?
- Phillip's past Eagle Project needs replacement benches, and he would like to rebuild the benches and meditation area. He has already raised all the money. They were built 16 years ago in June. Phillip plans to start the work on Memorial Day. THANK YOU, PHILLIP!

UWF – Linda Yost

- Jonathan and Linda attended assembly in Orlando for United Women of Faith. 1/3 attended virtually and the remainder in person. Approximately 3,500-4,000 in attendance.
- Women of Faith service on 6/12/2022. June 12th is also Graduate Sunday and having special Sunday. Will follow with a reception for Rev. Frank. Installation of Officers to be pushed until after new pastor is in place.
- June will be the last meeting until September.

Christian Education – Jen Ejk

- Wrapped up Sunday School year on 5/22/2022.
- Met 5/24 started planning VBS 6/21, 6/22 and 6/23 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Families are invited to attend. Farming theme. VBS donations going to Standardbred Rescue organization in honor of Rev. Amy.

Visitation – Reenie Harris

- The plan is to visit the Christianis and Peggy Dovell next week.
- Dot Benedict at Westminster Health Care son is keeping us informed. [Dot has since come home.]

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UMM – Dave Hudgins

- Met in May; will have a meeting in June and then skip to September.
- Thankful to have participated in Rev. Amy's celebration service.

Finance Committee & Treasurer's Report

- Laura sent reports through April to Committee members before the meeting.
- Finance Chair Michelle Hudgins thanked Rev. Frank because without his refusing to take a salary, it would be difficult to cover the parsonage repair costs.
- Dave RBC Investment Funds changes needed for signors.

Worship Committee: Janet Martin

- Have not met recently. Are we thinking about going outside for services given rising numbers of COVID? Posted to Ad Council for discussion.
 - One Issue is moving equipment in and out that is owned by Lisa Kemp. Would need to get permission. That was one of the reasons.
 - Ultimately agreed we would stay inside right now. If numbers go up and we have to mask, that might change.
 - John Sies reported that we used to have a small amplifier and speakers that we could use instead of Lisa's equipment. John will look to see if we still have it and if it works.
- Discussed metrics and/or guidelines we should follow (CDC or Baltimore-Washington Conference). Carroll County is currently at LOW level, but State of MD is RED/HIGH.
- Motion made by Lee Ann Crochunis to follow CDC or Conference Level guidelines (whichever is more stringent) and watch the Community Levels that are updated weekly on Thursdays.
- Recommended that this be shared in the weekly bulletin along with the current CDC guidelines.
- Ask Jessie to have a sign ready that states that Masks are Required vs. Strongly Recommended in case it changes.
- Masks are available at the back of the church need to confirm that they are still on the table in the sanctuary where the bulletins sit as you enter through the doors. Need to place them in other locations as well in the vestibule where people enter and also at the door by the choir loft.
- Vote taken on Motion made by Lee Ann all in favor except one nay.
- Summer schedule starts on June 5th at 10:00 AM.

Lemonade on the Lawn – Reenie: Three dates left to fill: July 17th, July 31st and September 4th.

GriefShare

- Averaging 6 people. Had last session (13 weeks) this week. Got good reviews from participants for Bonnie and Reenie.
- Off for Summer; will start up again in September.

Nominating Committee — Rev. Frank: No Report, but stated we should consider having a Lay Leader appointed in the future.

Outreach – Vicky Absent

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Linda Yost

- Next meeting on June 8th hoping to be in person to meet new Pastor. He begins July 1st.
- Reviews of staff are coming due.

New Business – none raised.

Next Meeting: <u>July 27th at 7:00 PM</u> in person – possibly at the pavilion at the parsonage.

Rev. Frank closed us in prayer.

31 10 AM Traditional Worship Special Music: Nick Harrell	24 10 AM Contemporary Worship After-Church Lunch Bunch at J&B's following Worship	17 10 AM Traditional Worship Special Music: Isaac Sichel	10 10 AM Traditional Worship Special Music: Rose Sichel Di	3 10 AM Traditional Worship Special Music: Jan Graf Holy Communion		Sun	
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	26	19	12	5 GriefShare Breakfast at Dutch Corner in Manchester 9:30 AM		Tue	
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August 7: Greeters—Cindy & Wayne Rill, Liturgist—Linda hollman, Acolyte—TBD, A/V Team—TBD August 14: Greeters—Cheryl DeVilbiss & Linda Hollman, Liturgist—Michelle Hudgins, Acolyte—TBD, A/V Team—TBD August 21: Greeters—Linda & Jonathan Yost, Liturgist — Scott Palmer, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels August 28: Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Contemporary Praise Team, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels

July 17: Greeters—Michelle & Dave Hudgins, Liturgist — Jess Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels July 24: Greeters—Brenda Kennedy & Sandy Cole, Contemporary Praise Team, Acolyte—Need, A/V Team—The July 31: Greeter—TBA, Liturgist—Laura Waltrup, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels

Worship Participants for July and August: July 3: Greeter—Connie & Greg Wiegel, Liturgist—Matt Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels July 10: Greeters—Ruth & Carl Rill, Liturgist—Linda Yost, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels

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