



*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...

A couple of college students, intending to be funny, sent Rudyard Kipling some money requesting to purchase the two most expensive words in the English language. Kipling wrote back with these words: "Thank You."

"Thank You" is a phrase worth millions and seldom expressed. In this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to write someone to thank them for their contributions in your life. Maybe that person is a former teacher, a neighbor across the street, a relative, a family member or spouse. Whomever he or she may be, I am sure they would be moved deeply by your words of appreciation.

"Thank you."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Wesley for your contributions and efforts which enable our church to continue its mission. Your faithful stewardship is greatly appreciated.

As we come to the observance of Thanksgiving Day, may we keep in mind all that we have and enjoy because of God's gracious bounty.

I would like to wish each of you a meaningful Thanksgiving. Again, I thank each of you for being so caring and loving to both Laurie and me.

Grace and Peace, Gary

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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 November ACLB luncheon will be on **Sunday, November 27 (following the worship service)**, at **China Manor (next to Fratelli's)** at 2315 Hanover Pike, Hampstead, MD 21074. Questions? Contact Reenie Harris at (410) 848-1121 or ichdeh@comcast.net.



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| 8 Rose Hohmes | 19 Cheryl Rill |
| Jessica Sellman | 22 Eric Zilberman |
| 9 Michael Rill | 24 Michael Crochunis |
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Contact Information Update

Fran Crispin: Updated Address
 Apache Campground
 9700 Kings Highway,
 Mail Box - Mobile Home 31
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

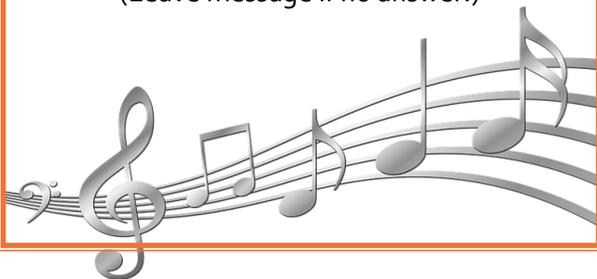


Classifieds

Spinet piano,
 free for the taking.

Contact Stanley Harrell:
 443-291-6324

(Leave message if no answer.)



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.



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
 3860 Normandy Dr., Apt. 1D
 Hampstead, MD 21074



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



Many thanks to Martha Harris, who for many years has sent Sunday’s bulletins to those members who cannot attend our services. She makes a special effort to make everyone feel included. Thanks, Martha, and we have been missing you as you recover from your recent illness.

Anonymous



Thank you to all who have sent cards and lifted prayers for Wayne. He is improving and starts physical therapy soon. [Please keep Wayne and Cindy in your prayers!]

Cindy Rill



Dear...Friends,

On behalf of Human Services Programs (HSP) of Carroll County, Inc., thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items.

For 30 years, HSP has given HOPE, inspired CHANGE, and provided OPPORTUNITY to those we serve by mobilizing the community in the fight against poverty. Your generosity ensures that we will be able to continue to carry out our mission, while combating the stigma associated with homelessness.

Each year, we serve several thousand Carroll County residents through a number of our programs, including: Shelter Program & Housing Services, Home Energy Program, Family Support Program, Economic Mobility, which includes Opportunity WORKS — our re-entry pre-employment training services, and Financial Education Services. With the help of generous supporters, like you, our outreach efforts will continuously transform the lives of our community members — and positively change our community in its entirety.

Thank you again for your support of our cause — and for taking part in the movement to end poverty. **YOU make a difference in the lives of Carroll county’s at-risk and low-income families and individuals.**

With sincerest gratitude, Courtney Kingan, Director of Development

"Thanks so much!"



"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." — Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to The Least of These Ministries.

Our Manager in the Dominican Republic, Ricardo, tells of a conversation he had in August with a new participant of our weekly food distribution. The gentleman, Alberto, asked a helper who he needed to see to send a message to the people who make the food distribution possible. The helper directed him to Ricardo, who listened as Alberto thanked God for providing the food and for the people who God used to make it all possible.

Like Alberto, I am grateful for your involvement in the work God is doing in these communities. Your support enables us to respond to the needs that are before us and helps to ensure that work continues. Thank you for your generosity.

In Christ alone, Marty Hogan, Executive Director



Wesley UMC Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper!

Saturday, November 12, 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.....\$15
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 November 7. 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.*

Wesley United Methodist Church
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(Corner of Wesley & Carrollton Roads)

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Current COVID-19 Guidelines...

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. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

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. 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!

Upcoming November Worship Service Information



All Saints' Sunday will be Sunday, November 6, 2022, as we remember and honor those members of our Wesley family who have passed away this year. Friends of our congregation can also be mentioned and remembered at that time. We welcome all family members to worship with us that day. Please contact Jess Sichel at our church office, (410) 374-4027, for further information.

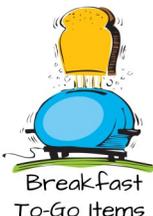


On Sunday, November 13th, Wesley will honor our service men and women, both past and present. There are many in our congregation who have served our country, and we look forward to honoring you and showing gratitude for your sacrifices. Bring a picture and any military information that you would like to share and place it in the designated box in the back of the sanctuary.

Westminster Rescue Mission & Night-by-Night Homeless Shelter



The Mission continues to accept monetary donations towards bottled water. Please give your contributions to Vicky Wilmer, Janet Martin, or Jan Kurtz. You can also mail them to the church clearly labeled "Westminster Rescue Mission – Water." This will be an ongoing ministry/mission.



Outreach is also continuing to collect **donations of breakfast-to-go items for the Night-by-Night Shelter.** There is a box in the back of the sanctuary for your donations, which can include things like soft granola bars, fruit cups, mini muffins, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, pop tarts, etc. Shelter guests often do not have the opportunity for breakfast, and this will be an ongoing need. Thank you so much for your donations!

Notes from the Outreach Committee



Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Going on now! Bring in your non-perishable donations for NESAP and place them in the Sanctuary to be delivered before Thanksgiving. This drive will continue through November 20th.



November 6th Soup Sale! Pick up your pre-ordered soup on Sunday, November 6, after Sunday School or the Worship Service. We may have a few soups available if you did not pre-order, and a selection of rolls and/or breads should also be available. Stop by the kitchen before you head out!



Christmas Families:

Once again, Wesley Church will be sponsoring a family or two for Christmas. More information will be coming later in November.



The very favorite **Cookie Walk** will take place on Sunday, December 11th, after Sunday School and the Worship Service. As always, we cannot have a successful Cookie Walk if it not for YOU. Please volunteer to make a batch of homemade cookies (and don't forget to purchase cookies!) Any questions, call Cindy Myatt 410 596-5391.

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 few **Book Club Reading Selections and Meeting Dates; all are welcome!**

Meeting NOVEMBER 17, 2022 (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving):

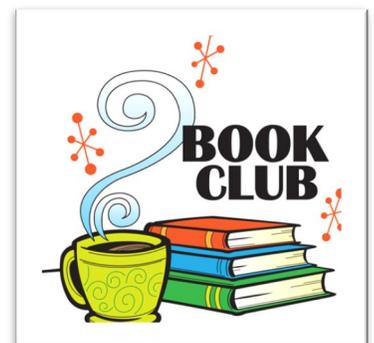
CLASSIFIED AS MURDERED by Miranda James
(No. 2 in Cat-In-The-Stacks series)

Meeting DECEMBER 29, 2022:

IRISH COUNTRY YULETIDE by Patrick Taylor

Meeting JANUARY 26, 2023:

FINDING DOROTHY by Elizabeth Letts





November 27, 2022: The First Sunday of Advent

We will be holding a Sunday School "Advent Carnival!" This is a family-friendly event at 9:30 AM. The UMM are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with a free will offering from 8:45 AM to 11 AM—yum! 11 AM Contemporary Worship Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: The Sichel Family



December 4, 2022: The Second Sunday of Advent

The Outreach Committee is hosting Christmas Caroling at local homes. Come and join in on the "merry" following our 11 AM Worship Service. 11 AM Traditional Worship Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: Denny & Rev. Amy Rill



December 11, 2022: The Third Sunday of Advent

The Outreach Cookie Walk will be held before and after the 11 AM Worship Service. Bakers and buyers needed! The Wesley UMC Chancel Choir will be offering a Christmas Cantata, singing the sounds of the season. All are welcome at this 11 AM Worship Service. 11 AM Traditional Worship Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: Cindy Myatt, Peggy Horner, Cheryl DeVilbiss, & Linda Hollman



December 18, 2022: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Sunday School Pageant will be held during the 11 AM Worship Service. Come and hear the beloved story again. 11 AM Traditional Worship Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: Connie Weigel, Madison & Molly Smith



Saturday, December 24, 2022: Christmas Eve

4 PM: Family-friendly Christmas Eve Worship Service
Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: The Kurtz Family
11 PM: Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service with Candle Lighting
Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: The Waltrup and/or Wilmer Families



Sunday, December 25, 2022: Christmas Day

No Sunday School
11 AM Traditional Worship Service of Lessons and Carols

As the season approaches, more details about activities and due dates for things like Poinsettia orders, Christmas Family Gifts, and so forth will be made available.

From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

The following pages contain information being presented by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Some of you may have heard of it, but others may not have. Please take the time to carefully review these pages. Thank you.

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord! We are saddened, confused and disheartened as what used to be our place of refuge, no longer feels that way. Guide us as we sift through words, doctrine, emotions and theology. Keep us centered on You and the belief that Jesus Christ died on the cross for us – for all of humankind. Remind us to be respectful and considerate of those [with whom we may not agree](#). Keep our minds and hearts open during the upcoming months. [In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.](#)

INTRODUCTION

Today, as a member of the SPRC, my job is only to summarize **WHY** we are here today watching this video. For many of us, the pandemic put a mental hold on the church's conflict on human sexuality. Many of us thought that resolutions had been reached. NOT SO. I believe, and this is in my own words, that a wound had only been covered up, left to fester. So now, here we are ripping off that gauze and tape to expose and clean the wound. It will take some time to heal and there will be a scar. However, with God's help we will heal and be made whole again.

SUMMARY

In 2016 the General Conference voted to retain the traditional text in doctrine **around human sexuality**. The vote rejected the motion to revise the wording that would remove any reference to sexual orientation in respect to clergy. Also, there was no revision to allow same sex marriages. **As a result of vocal disagreement with this, in order to keep the denomination together, the 2016 delegates asked the Bishops to form a special commission to study the matter.**

A special conference was called for in 2019 where **the** 32 member "Commission on the Way Forward" **gave their report**. They met for several months, and 3 plans were drafted:

Traditional Plan - One Church Plan (OCP) - Connectional Conference Plan

While the OCP appeared popular among bishops, the Traditional Plan was approved.

When the leaders of this church started the "Let's Talk" discussions a couple of year ago, we were talking about the 3 different plans, there was no talk of formal separation, no disaffiliation. Many of you were at those discussions and had questions. Today, the moment we are [in the Book of Discipline](#) in, there is no support for any of the 3 plans. The chasm between those that want progressive wording and those that want to maintain traditional wording have given us at the congregational level only a choice of STAY OR GO.

In light of the ever-growing disagreement between progressives and traditionalists, a document was drafted called "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation". This as well as other separation plans were to be before the 2024 General Conference. The *Protocol* was an extremely important development and represented a concerted effort from all sides to work together on separate futures. The admission that separation is needed and should be amicable was groundbreaking. The Global Methodist Church was created in part to align with the *Protocol*.

IN CLOSING

Each Conference makes a decision, to become progressive, (allowing LGBTQ clergy and same sex marriage) or to maintain a more traditional doctrine (no non celibate LGBTQ clergy, no same sex marriage). Our Baltimore-Washington Conference has committed to moving in the progressive direction. What we, the congregation, ***have to do*** is decide to stay with the BWC and follow the progressive views or disaffiliate and either join the GMC or become an independent church.

There is a lot that has to happen before we formally cast a vote. The SPRC is here to help you be informed of the options available and the consequences/repercussions of your decision. Your job is to read – digest – ask and pray about your decision to "Stay or Go".

Educational Opportunities to Learn About Issues Surrounding Disaffiliation (Separation) from the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Church or Remaining.

You may view the Webinar “Stay or Go” at home by visiting this website: <https://youtu.be/LuaKQXzaUS8>

We will also be offering discussion sessions on the book, *Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church*. The book has four chapters, and we will have three Mondays where you may choose a day or evening session as follows:

THREE BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

- Monday, November 7, 2022 (Chapters 1 & 2) - Day session: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- " " " " " " - Evening session: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 14, 2022 (Chapter 3) - Day session: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- " " " " " " - Evening session: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 21, 2022 (Chapter 4) - Day session: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- " " " " " " - Evening session: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for an Open Forum regarding disaffiliation on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The format has not yet been finalized; however, Pastor Gary will be the facilitator, with panelists from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade, will also be in attendance. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

**Wesley UMC
Discerning Disaffiliation and Realignment with the Global Methodist Church**



	(Post-Separation) United Methodist Church	Global Methodist Church
	www.umc.org	www.globalmethodist.org
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	<i>Book of Discipline</i>	<i>Book of Doctrines and Disciplines</i>
THEOLOGY & DOCTRINE	Paragraph References are to the <i>BOD</i> .	Paragraph References are to the <i>Transitional BODD</i> . Items below could change after 2024
DOCTRINAL STANDARDS	Items below could change after 2024 General Conference	Items below could change at the Convening Conference
Apostles' Creed: <i>UMH 883</i> Nicene Creed: <i>UMH 881</i> Definiton of Chalcedon: <i>Jesus is fully God and human</i>	Referenced in the <i>Discipline</i> , used in worship, but not doctrine (items believed as official teachings) (See ¶102)	Official doctrine protected by the <i>BODD</i> , and understood as universal for churches (See ¶105)
Methodist Articles of Religion EUB Confession of Faith UMC <i>BOD pp. 65-77</i>	Doctrinal Standards, but rarely enforced and taught specifically, offically protected in the <i>Discipline</i>	Doctrinal Standards that define official teachings. Meant to be enforced as boundaries (See ¶106)
John Wesley's Standard Sermons and New Testament Explanatory Notes	Doctrinal Standards, but rarely enforced and taught specifically, offically protected in the <i>Discipline</i>	Doctrinal Standards that guide what official teachings should be. Meant to be used in study and teaching(See ¶107)

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Methodist General Rules UM BOD pp. 77-80	Doctrinal Standards, but rarely enforced and taught specifically, officially protected in the <i>Discipline</i>	Concepts and expectations of what Methodist discipleship should entail (See ¶108)
Holy Scripture: The Bible	"Primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine," but open to <i>varying interpretation using the guidelines of the "Wesleyan Quadrilateral"</i> (See ¶104)	"Primary rule and authority for faith, morals, and service, against which all other authorities must be measured," and interpretation based on historic church teaching. (See ¶104)
THEOLOGICAL THOUGHT		
Theology and teaching	Many different understandings of God, Jesus and Christianity are held and taught (Theological Pluralism) with a strong Wesleyan emphasis on God's grace available to everyone for salvation. Theological Pluralism was the official position from 1972-1988. Since 1988, Scripture is "primary" but is used with other sources for theological teaching under the "Wesleyan Quadrilateral" (See ¶102-104)	Fully Wesleyan and historically orthodox Christianity, but specifically within the boundaries laid out in Scripture and the doctrinal standards: Creeds, Articles, Confession, Standard Sermons, Notes and General Rules. Scriptural interpretation to be guided by the historic universal teachings of the church. Strong emphasis on growth in grace through discipleship and holiness. (See ¶103)
ETHICS, SOCIAL PRINCIPLES & WITNESS		
Social Principles, Witness, and Statements	(Post Separation) UMC Not church law, but instructive, persuasive guidance to help people walk through ethical decisions (See ¶160-166)	Global Methodist Church Binding as policy on all clergy and congregations as specific instructions for ethics in the world (See ¶202)
Abortion	Recognizes the beginning and end of life as "God-given boundaries." Balances sanctity of unborn life with life and well-being of mother and child; rejects abortion as means of birth control or gender selection.	Believing in the sacredness of all life, resists the practice of abortion except in the cases of tragic conflicts of life against life. Do not accept abortion as a means of birth control or gender selection. All Christians to support those women facing unintended pregnancies without adequate care, counsel, or resources.
Human Sexuality	God's gift to all persons; affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage. (No written position on gender is given. Likely to be made more progressive in a post-separation UMC).	Human sexuality is a gift of God, affirmed as it is exercised within the legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman. Gender is God-given at birth.

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Homosexuality	Affirms sacred worth of all, God’s grace available to all. Does not condone practice of homosexuality; considers the practice incompatible with Christian teaching. (likely to be made more progressive in a post-separation UMC).	No explicit reference to homosexuality; rejects pornography, polygamy and promiscuity; commits church to be a safe place of refuge, hospitality, and healing for all experiencing sexual brokenness.
Marriage	Affirms marriage covenant expressed in love, support, commitment, and shared fidelity between a man and a woman (likely to be made more progressive in a post-separation UMC).	Defined as a legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous relationship between one man and one woman
GENERAL CHURCH, PROPERTY AND FINANCES	(Post Separation) UMC	Global Methodist Church
Annual Conferences and Districts	Yes, and defined by the Jurisdictional and General Conferences (will likely change significantly in post-separation)	Yes, and new Annual Conferences will be formed when churches move to the GMC. Final boundaries to be determined by Convening Conference
Apportionments	Set by what is required to fund the proposed budget of the Annual Conference and the General Church. Baltimore-Washington currently requires 17% of the local church budget	Set by defined percentages. No more than 1.5% of local church income for General Church, currently 1%. No more than 5% for Annual Conference, and currently set at 1%
Church Property	Held in trust for the denomination and not owned by local church. Property may not be sold, demolished or substantially improved without Conference approval	Owned by local church. Property can be sold, improved or bought without Annual Conference approval
Disaffiliation	After 12/31/23, there is no method for a congregation to disaffiliate and keep its property	Churches may disaffiliate from the GMC by majority vote of the congregation membership. Pension liability must be satisfied before leaving.
Bishops	Yes. Bishops are Bishops for life and selected and appointed by the Jurisdictional Conference. Conference locations are rotated.	Yes. Bishops are term-limited. They are elected at the General Conference level. Appointed by General Conference. Conference locations are rotated.
District Superintendents	Appointed by the bishop, 6-year term, 12-year limit with 2-year extension possible. Districts are 100+	Called "Presiding Elders" and chosen cooperatively between the Bishop and the District. Recommended size of district is 20-30 churches, and may serve a church on the District as well.

	(Post-Separation) United Methodist Church	Global Methodist Church
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LOCAL CHURCH GOVERNANCE	(Post Separation) UMC	Global Methodist Church
Organizational structure	Specifically defined by the <i>Discipline and having a number of required committees with some flexibility.</i>	Flexible structure with only a required Church Council and Charge Conference.
Discipleship and Accountability Groups	Mentioned and tacitly encouraged for growth in grace	Strongly encouraged and made part of local church structure
Mission Statement	Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.	Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
Appointments	Bishop and cabinet appoint, after consultation with clergy and SPR Committee	Bishop makes appointment after extensive consultation with clergy and SPR Committee, requiring written feedback on fit from clergy and SPRC and rationale from bishop for the appointment
Guaranteed Appointment for Elders?	Yes	No, and clergy must show effectiveness in ministry
Length of Appointment	Variable, and at the decision of Bishop and cabinet	Intended to be long term effective matches with clergy and churches, but subject to Bishop and church consultation
HUMAN SEXUALITY LOCAL CHURCH		
LGBTQ Weddings	Not in UMC Churches or by UMC clergy (likely to be made more progressive in a post-separation UMC).	No.
LGBTQ Church Membership	Yes. Membership readiness is at the discretion of the pastor.	Yes. Membership readiness is at the discretion of the pastor.
Openly Non-celibate homosexual or Transgender clergy?	Not currently allowed (but widely practiced. Likely to be made more progressive in a post-separation UMC).	No.

November Lectionary... GET INTO THE WORD!

- November 1 (All Saints' Day):** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149/150; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
- November 6 (All Saints' Sunday):** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- November 13 (Veteran's Day Observance):** Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- November 20 (Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving Sunday):** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- November 24 (Thanksgiving Day):** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35
- November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent):** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



Notes from the United Methodist Men: October 17, 2022



The November Wesley UMM meeting will be held on Monday 11/21 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Commissioner Richard Weaver will be speaking on the state of the county. Come out for fine food and fellowship.

Looking ahead, the Wesley UMM will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 4th from 9:00am to 10:40am in the Social Hall. Good will donations will go toward our outreach.

Notes from the United Women in Faith: October 20, 2022



The meeting started at 11:07am. There were 9 women in attendance. Meeting started with our UWF Purpose.

Response Message: Connie gave the message taken from the July/August 2022 UWF Response issue regarding the UWF Reading program. UWF women at the First United Methodist Church in Lincolnton, North Carolina meet once a month to discuss books

they have read from the United Women of Faith Reading Program. The group is well organized they budget into their annual contributions to purchased books to be read each year. They have completed 55 books and received the Certificate of Recognition Award for their reading. Some members write up book reviews to share with their congregation in their church monthly newsletters. All books read are accessible to their church members to read and join in on the book club. This message sparked an interest with Connie our president to purchase a book from the UWF Reading program for us to read and meet for group discussion. Everyone was interested in this idea.

October's program- Jackie Grabowski presented. Life-Giving and Transformation, things related to creativity or transformation questions were asked. Deciding to make a change in our lives start or quit certain habits is one example. Create-what have you created lately? If so, how has that benefited you? This month we celebrate World Thank Offering bringing our gifts of gratitude for the transformation of local and global communities and raising money for women, children, and youth in our neighborhoods and around the world.

September Meeting minutes and Treasurers report were reviewed, corrected where needed and accepted.

Prayer Calendar: There were no Missionary, Staff or Deacon birthdays today from the calendar.

Correspondence: Received the 5-Star Mission Giving's Award from the Baltimore-Washington Conference UWF.

Boscov's: UWF earned \$370 from the Boscov fundraiser. All proceeds go towards missions.

Bake Table: Church Supper November 12th; volunteers needed to help. Linda Yost, Brenda Hess and Connie Wiegel will be working the bake table. There will be others helping.

Signup sheets for usher duty and to provide dessert for monthly meetings were passed around.

Rescue Mission dinner in November: UWF will provide. Food from the supper will be purchased and donated to Rescue Mission.

December Meeting: Christmas Potluck Luncheon at Cindy Myatt's home.

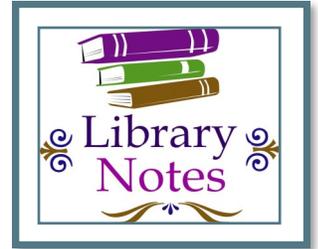
Fundraiser Project: Planning of our Italian-themed Lasagna Supper on January 15th was discussed briefly.

Project/s for the year: Discussed children's book donations for children in West Virginia effected by the severe storms and flooding; Linda H. will find out more information. Another project considered was a Coat Drive where members of the congregation could donate gently or slightly used coats for the needy. Linda H. and Cindy Myatt will contact Shepherd's Staff about this project to see how our group can help those in the community that need warm coats.

Linda Yost will provide the program for our November UWF meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm for our lunch.

Minutes taken by Brenda Hess

Our faith journey is an ongoing and evolving adventure, and we strive to become closer to the heart of Jesus. C.S. Lewis, in one of his publications, said this about God's demand for perfection: "...you must realize from the outset that the goal toward which He is beginning to guide you is absolute perfection; and no power in the whole universe, except you yourself, can prevent Him from taking you to that goal. That is what you are in for."



The following are just three examples of the works of this popular Christian theologian:

The Joyful Christian by C.S. Lewis (230) This is a collection of more than 100 readings taken from the classics of C.S. Lewis. There are excerpts from *Mere Christianity*, *Miracles of a Preliminary Study*, *Reflections on the Psalms*, and *The Screwtape Letters* to name just a few. Reading the forward is important also, as it tells about the conversion to Christianity that Lewis experienced in 1931.

The Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis (Teens). Narnia....where talking beasts walk....where a witch waits....where a new world is about to be born!!! Here are the books in order:

- *The Magician's Nephew* – On a daring quest to save a life, two friends are hurled into another world, where an evil sorceress seeks to enslave them. But then the lion Aslan's song weaves itself into the fabric of a new land, a land that will be known as Narnia. And in Narnia, all things are possible...
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* – Narnia...a land frozen in eternal winter...a country waiting to be set free. Four adventurers step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia—a land enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change... and a great sacrifice.
- *The Horse and His Boy* – On a desperate journey, two runaways meet and join forces. Though they are only looking to escape their harsh and narrow lives, they soon find themselves at the center of a terrible battle. It is a battle that will decide their fate and the fate of Narnia itself.
- *Prince Caspian* – A prince denied his rightful throne gathers an army in a desperate attempt to rid his land of a false king. But, in the end, it is a battle of honor between two men alone that will decide the fate of an entire world.
- *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* – A king and some unexpected companions embark on a voyage that will take them beyond all known lands. As they sail farther and farther from charted waters, they discover that their quest is more than they imagined and that the world's end is only the beginning.
- *The Silver Chair* – Through dangers untold and caverns deep and dark, a noble band of friends are sent to rescue a prince held captive. But their mission to Underland brings them face-to-face with an evil more beautiful and more deadly than they ever expected.
- *The Last Battle* – During the last days of Narnia, the land faces its fiercest challenge—not an invader from without but an enemy from within. Lies and treachery have taken root, and only the king and a small band of loyal followers can prevent the destruction of all they hold dear in this, the magnificent ending to *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis (Audio-Visual) Written after his wife's tragic death as a way of surviving the "mad midnight moments", *A Grief Observed* is C.S. Lewis's honest reflection on the fundamental issues of life, death, and faith in the midst of loss. This work contains his concise, genuine reflections on that period. This is a beautiful and unflinchingly honest record of how even a stalwart believer can lose all sense of meaning in the universe and how he can gradually regain his bearings.

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.

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • October 12, 2022

Members present: Vicky Wilmer, Linda Yost, Janet Martin, Michele Hudgins, Jan Kurtz, Connie Weigel, Dian Rowe, Madison Smith, Pam Phillips

Treasurer's Report – There was no action from last month.

Budget for 2023: Need to add line for college students \$250 spent will need more for the spring budget for \$700. Also, need to add picnic fund \$150

Wesley Food Cupboard (Connie): Looking full. Linda organized it. Carol will make an acrylic sign.

Meals for Rescue Mission: Oct. – Connie/Vicky- ham and potato; Nov. – UWF

NESAP Thanksgiving Food Drive: Start first weekend in November; Delivery on November 21st.

Soup Sale: Nov. 6th

College Students (Vicky): cards being sent

Operation Christmas Child (Vicky): boxes out, flyers

Cookie Walk: Dec. 11th. Cindy will be putting out flyer

Caroling: Dec. 4th

Christmas Families: [will be sponsoring local families for Christmas]

Tea: Dates for Spring?

Next Meeting: November 9th.

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • September 28, 2022

Attendees: Jan Kurtz (Committee Chair), Lee Ann Crochunis (Vice-Chair), Rev. (Pastor) Gary Sheffield-James, Brenda Kennedy, Reenie Harris, Vicky Wilmer, Rose Sichel, Rev. Matthew Sichel, Michelle Hudgins, Connie Wiegel, Scott Palmer, John Sies, Linda Hollman, Laura Waltrup, Patty Harris, Jess Sichel, Linda Yost, and Jonathan Yost.

The **meeting was called to order** at 7:02 PM and opened in prayer by Rev. Matt.

Finance/Treasurer: Finance met last month.

- Laura passed out finance reports [can be obtained by contacting the Church Office]. Much of the information was year-to-date through August.
- We are behind budget (which is normal) for the General Fund as of August. Year-to-date, our General Fund receipts are pretty comparable.
- Our investments are navigating a volatile environment, so it is understandable that they are down some. They are taking a hit due to market values, not withdrawals.
- The Endowment Fund and the Lucy Harrell Scholarship are being separated into different funds.
- Salaries and Compensation: we are significantly under budget in this area, as Rev. Amy went on leave in March, Pastor Frank would not accept a salary/compensation, and Pastor Gary has a reduced salary because he has come out of retirement.
- We are relatively balanced except for the Maintenance and Repair costs associated with the Parsonage (those expenses are above budget; our Maintenance and Repair costs are higher by about \$10,000 year-to-date). More Parsonage expenses are coming up (approved this year and proposed for next year's budget).
- The question of what the Youth Fund is was brought up. The Youth Fund is for monies given specifically for Youth (ex. Mission Trip Fundraising). Camp Wesley line item also has a good amount of money in it.

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- A draft budget was passed out for us to ponder. It is based on the same levels of giving and activity; however, in July of 2023, it accounts for an increase in pension, medical, and housing.
- There is also a line-item for a Church bookkeeper in the budget. Laura is stepping down as Treasurer [effective 12/31/22]. A church bookkeeper would be in charge of QuickBooks, payroll, Accounts Payable, etc. It has been recommended that the bookkeeper work 20-25 hours a month for \$20 an hour. A Treasurer would still be needed. At this time, there is no one for either position effective 1/1/23.
- In the planned maintenance for the church, the A/C units in the Sanctuary should both be replaced. They are more or less 20 years old. One quit this summer, and the other managed to keep us going through the rest of the season. There is no estimate yet. Also, the metal roof needs to be painted and some improvements are needed on the parking lot.
- The budget is a deficit budget; however, including the money remaining from this year, it should be at least fully funded next year.
- The plan is to vote on the budget in October.

Trustees:

- **Denny brought forward a security camera motion for approval:**
 - ⇒ **2 “bullet” cameras in the sanctuary**
 - ⇒ **1 camera pointed towards the pavilion**
 - ⇒ **Total cost: \$1,624.96**
- It was noted that we must have signs up to alert people about the recording(s).
- Why cameras in the Sanctuary? Because of possible break-ins and other dangerous incidents.
- This estimate does not include a cemetery view [which was where a congregant’s purse was stolen].
- The new cameras can be remotely viewed. Remote access would not be available to all, but it will be available.
- John Sies asked about whether they are WIFI or hard-wired; answer— they would be hard-wired.
- Another question was if the system looped in memory; answer— yes; around 2 weeks. Also, they are motion-detected.
- **An amendment was made to the motion: Trustees is asked to have four cameras installed instead of three (the fourth would be facing the cemetery), with a \$2,500 maximum allowance to handle all four cameras.** Vote: 1 abstention; all the rest were in favor.
- Already approved are the following for the parsonage:
 - ⇒ Flooring for the basement (Towne Pride on Thursday or Friday)
 - ⇒ Well tank/tank “T” for the parsonage (Denny will schedule ASAP)
 - ⇒ Water Softener at church (\$2,180)
 - ⇒ Secretary’s light (repaired, apparently—[thank you!])

United Women in Faith (UWF)

- Met September 16th.
- The Boscov’s Coupon use date is October 19th.
- Another fundraiser will be the November Bake Sale on Nov. 12th (at the Fall Supper)
- The UMW changed its name to UWF to be more ecumenical—to be inviting to more women than those just in Methodist circles.

Christian Education

- Met August 29th.
- Sunday School materials were ordered.
- New teachers have come in and other teachers have moved.
- As a recap regarding numbers, we have:
 - ⇒ Pre-K/K—4 to 6 children
 - ⇒ 1st through 3rd grades—4 to 5 children
 - ⇒ 4th through 6th grades—1 to 2 children
 - ⇒ 7th through 12th grades—1 student
- The whole Sunday School group will meet together at 9:30 AM on the following dates with the following themes:
 - ⇒ 10/23: Fall Harvest
 - ⇒ 11/27: Advent Carnival
 - ⇒ 2/14/23: “God is Love”

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⇒ 4/2/23: Palm Sunday

- There was some discussion about the last day of Sunday School. Also, it is possible that the Pageant might be a new program and inside. It was suggested that another person or group in the church consider putting on the Live Nativity with a potluck, possibly after a church service as a separate activity; this is TBD.
- There has been discussion about ways to increase our numbers of children in Sunday School. Facebook was suggested. VBS attendees have not really come to the church. Pastor Gary said that we are not alone with our small numbers “post-Covid;” however, Patty said that our numbers are about the same except for the aged-out youth.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

- The men did not end up having a speaker, so they had fellowship instead with a good meal and dessert.
- Pancake Breakfasts are back! The first two are on 10/23/22 and 12/4/22. (The 10/23 date is the same as the Sunday School Harvest gathering, which will be moved to the Pre-K/K rooms. It is also the same date as the After-Church Lunch Bunch; we will be well-fed that day!)

Outreach — See Minutes in October Journal

- The budget is going down quite a bit, which is good.
- This is a busy time:
 - ⇒ 11/6/22: Soup Sale
 - ⇒ 12/4/22: Caroling
 - ⇒ 12/11/22: Cookie Walk
- Outreach has, is, and/or will be heading up the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the sponsorship of Christmas families, supporting Westminster Rescue Mission once a month with meals, the Immigrant Supply Drive, NESAP (which needs volunteers to drive people to doctors appointments—contact Janet Martin).
- Pastor Gary asked if we celebrate Student Day; we could do this in November or January—close to a break.
- Alpha Pregnancy Center is having a fundraising event at Grace Bible Church this Saturday; it will be a BBQ dinner, program, and silent auction.

Worship—No Report

GriefShare

- The group is small this session; there are four individuals (including the leaders).
- Our group did “spawn” a GriefShare group at Miller’s UMC.

Visitation

- Meets the first Wednesday of every month.
- Visitation provided cards for folks to sign for the weekly bulletin’s regular list.
- Meals are being provided for Dot Benedict.
- Martha Harris was visited by Pastor Gary.

Book Club—Meets tomorrow at MJ’s Café and Baking Company to discuss *The Heirloom Garden* by Viola Shipman. Always a fun time!

ACLB—The After-Church Lunch Bunch will meet at Baugher’s Restaurant this month [October].

Lay Leadership Development/Nominations

- The group has made 70+ calls to Wesley’s leadership.
- 85% of the leadership has agreed to participate in leadership. Nine ministry positions are open: Lay Leadership Committee (2 positions), Librarian, Lay Leader, Church Treasurer, Chair of Memorials Committee, Trustees Committee (1 position), Chair of Endowment Fund Committee, and Cemetery Committee Treasurer.
- Regarding the Church Treasurer position, Laura is stepping down after eleven years. Thank you for all you’ve done, Laura. So far, one person has declined the position.
- Separating the Bookkeeper and Treasurer jobs is the way that we should move forward. The Bookkeeper would handle transactions and the Treasurer would handle things like reporting, stats reporting, and so forth.
- Laura can be present during the transition phase for the new position(s).

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- The job description(s) should be put in the next Journal.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

- Linda Yost and Pastor Gary gave a short presentation on the process of discernment concerning disaffiliation. Pastor Gary has contacted Rev. LaPrade, the District Superintendent, about how the process begins for a church to start discerning. The first step was to connect with the D.S., which Pastor Gary did. That meeting started the process of **discernment**, not of disaffiliation.
- After talking to Rev. LaPrade, a disaffiliation packet is going to be constructed that will include the financial obligations of a church that decides to disaffiliate, etc.
- Rev. LaPrade notified us on September 27th that we would need to send the current roster of professing members with current addresses within 15 days of the initial contact. Also, we are to send the D.S. all copies of deeds, mortgages, and gift letters or wills where there is a property interest to be addressed by the Chancellor and local church leaders with 30 days of the initial contact. The latter has been provided to Pastor Gary by Rev. Matt, who will give them to Rev. LaPrade. Discussion about privacy concerns with the former requirement was held amongst the Ad. Council.
- **The decision that needs to be made by the Ad. Council is whether to begin educating the congregation about how disaffiliation works.** We have until April 2023 to vote on whether to stay with the UMC or disaffiliate from the UMC under the current structure of the Book of Discipline. We have until December of 2023 to finish the disaffiliation process. The deadlines aside, we need to decide whether to educate the congregation about the possibility of disaffiliation. **The Ad. Council voted unanimously in favor of educating the congregation.**
- The education of the congregation includes offering viewing(s) of the “Stay or Go: Real Talk for United Methodists Exploring Their Future” webinar as well as a four-week small group study on the book, “Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church. [SPRC began holding “Stay or Go” webinar viewings and had scheduled the four-week small group study almost immediately.]

Pastor’s Report

- Pastor Gary is away on vacation to New Zealand/Australia October 7th to October 31st.
- Pulpit Supply for 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, and 12/30 will be supervised by Rev. Matt Sichel. Per Matt, the first two Sundays, he will cover, the third Sunday Stephanie Halley will be in the pulpit, and the fourth Sunday, Rose Sichel will preach.
- Pastor Gary goes on vacation Nov. 19th to Nov. 26th (needs pulpit supply Nov. 20th) and Dec. 26th to Jan. 2nd (needs pulpit supply Jan. 1st).
- Rev. Matt Sichel will be covering any pastoral emergencies during this time. You can contact him at 443-278-3440 or popsichel@hotmail.com.
- Wesley’s Church Conference Date is November 1st, 2022, at 6:30 PM via Zoom. All forms are due 10 days prior to the Conference (October 22, 2022).
- Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the episcopal leader of the Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conferences, has an online town hall meeting tonight at 7 PM. The town hall will address misinformation and confusion about the current state and future of the UMC including our tenets of faith, the strength of our connection, the policies approved by the General Conference and Annual Conferences to disaffiliate, and what (if any) decisions local churches, members and clergy need to be making. Bishop Easterling and other leaders from both conferences will shine a light on these issues and more. The town hall will be recorded.

Deacon’s Report: Rev. Matt’s semester at London School of Theology (LST) began today (late due to the death of the Queen). He attended some LST activit(ies) virtually.

New Business:

- The Fall Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper is November 12th. Pam, Connie, Vicky, and Jan Graf are working together; they need lots of support. There will be fried chicken carryout, corn, potato salad, etc. The UWF will have a bake sale. Laura noted that she will be unavailable for Paypal transactions that day; perhaps Cindy Myatt can be of assistance.
- Prayers are needed for Wayne Rill, who is in the hospital, who has COVID, and whose cancer has returned. Prayers are also sought for Florida-residing family members of meeting attendees.

The Meeting was **closed in prayer** by Pastor Gary at 9:16 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Sichel, Recording Secretary.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:30 to 8 PM Church Conference via ZOOM 6:30 PM	2 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM Visitation at J&P's Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	3 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	4 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM	5
6 All Saints' Sunday Outreach Soup Sale Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Traditional Worship	7 Human Sexuality Book Study 1 to 2:30 PM & 7 to 8:30 PM	8 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	9 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	10 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	11 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM	12 Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Supper! 12 PM to 3:30 PM
13 Veteran's Day Observance Regular Worship Schedule	14 Human Sexuality Book Study 1 to 2:30 PM & 7 to 8:30 PM <i>Troop 380 in Choir Room 7 PM</i> Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	15 GriefShare in Library — Special Session "Surviving the Holidays" 6:30 to 8:30 PM <i>December Journal Submissions Due!</i>	16 <i>All Church Reserved for Westminster Rescue Mission Retreat</i> Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	17 UWF Meeting in Fellowship Hall 11 AM Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM	18 Office CLOSED	19
20 Regular Worship Schedule	21 Human Sexuality Book Study 1 to 2:30 PM & 7 to 8:30 PM UMM in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM	22 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	23 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	24 Happy Thanksgiving! 	25 Office CLOSED	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent (Hope) Regular Worship Schedule (Contemporary) After-Church Lunch Bunch at China Manor following Worship	28 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall Small Group Discussion Harrell Library 7:30 PM	29 GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	30 Office Drop-In 12 to 2 PM Administrative Council 7 PM (ZOOM) Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11 AM Worship Service	The services will also be live-streamed for those unable to be in person. Visit our website to view the current service.	

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<p>Office Drop-In Hours: See Calendar Inside!</p>
<p>We seek to be a community filled with the hope and love of Jesus.</p>

Worship Participants for November:

November 6: Greeters—Brenda Kennedy, Cheryl DeVilbiss, Bonnie Catron, & Gladys Smith, Liturgist—Rev. Matt Sichel, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels; Music—The Chancel Choir and Organist Jeff Horner

November 13: Greeters—United Women in Faith, Liturgist—Linda Yost, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Team—The Sichels; Organist—Jeff Horner

November 20: Greeters—Ruth & Carl Rill and *TBD*, Liturgist—Laura Waltrup, Acolyte—Will Otwell, A/V Team—Matt Otwell, Music—The Chancel Choir and Organist Jeff Horner

November 27: Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, Praise Team Leader—Lisa Kemp, Acolyte—Isaac Sichel, A/V Volunteer—The Sichels; Advent Wreath Reading and Lighting: The Sichel Family

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