

# The Wesley Journal



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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, worshipping & praying, and serving and connecting.

## From the Desk of the Pastor...

Friends,

I would like to thank all who attended group meetings in August. I learned a lot about Wesley by hearing your responses to these three questions: 1) What do we celebrate? 2) What are our challenges? 3) How is the Spirit leading Wesley Church? (A list of those responses is included in this newsletter.) The first question deals with Wesley's strengths. I am pleased to report that Wesley has much to celebrate and will continue to celebrate. It is important to remember, both in our continued ministry to others and responding to our challenges, for us to lead with our strengths.

In our group meetings, I heard that one of the challenges Wesley is facing comes in the form of a question – how can we grow and attract young families? That question presents us with a challenge by calling us to engage in evangelism. Unfortunately, the image of evangelism that comes to mind for most of us is someone approaching us who is holier-than-thou, judgmental, and self-righteous in their attempt to convert us. This kind of insensitive, militant proselyting turns many off from religion and the church itself, and especially our young people. Young people want to see a church that is loving and not judgmental; a church that is authentic, sincere, and not overly pious; a church that is accepting and not condemning of others. In other words, our witness to others means accepting others where they are and not where we think they should be.

Some of you may remember the great home run hitter, Harmon Killebrew, who played baseball for the Minnesota Twins in the decade of the sixties. He and his family resided in a wealthy neighborhood in the Twin City area. His neighbors around him kept well-manicured lawns which were routinely cared for by professional landscapers. At that time, Harmon Killebrew and his wife were young parents raising several active young children. The children spent much time in the yard participating in physical activities and various sports. Consequently, the lawn became well-worn and tattered. A neighbor once made a snide remark about the condition of his lawn. His response was priceless: "I'm not growing grass here; I'm growing kids."

Intentional growth is not easy. Young parents with young children are very busy indeed with the task of growing kids. We know life is messy and full of responsibilities. So, how do we meet people in the midst of their personal struggles

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**Deadline for the November issue of The Wesley Journal is Sunday, October 15. Please email your news to [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org).**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:30 AM Sunday School**  
**10:30 AM Fellowship Time**  
**11:00 AM Worship**

and various obligations? For us, it means accepting people where they are. It means inviting people into the life of the church and realizing that a new person will bring new ideas and new ways of seeing the world; and yes, he or she will bring new lenses for us to see ourselves. To truly grow means seeing ourselves and the neighborhood in a whole new way.

Grace & Peace,  
Gary



## Compiled Notes from Group Meetings at Wesley 2023

### 1) What do you celebrate at Wesley?

- ***We celebrate . . .***
- our sense of community
- family and our support for each other
- the picnic in September
- hearing the Cantatas from the Wesley Choir
- serving the community through Outreach
- the Junior Church
- offering meals to families who have lost loved ones
- the women's group – UW in Faith (retreats) 10-12 ladies
- our sense of community and the way people care for one another
- coming together during Covid. Every week on Tuesday we served dinner to the people in the community. People felt loved.
- people's triumphs – babies born, baptisms, confirmations, and celebrating the lives those who have passed.
- programs – such as Camp Wesley, Camp Joy, and the food pantry
- Wesley's history
- that we are family - through good times and bad times
- when things need to be done, the church pulls together
- church suppers, Take Out Tuesdays
- NESAP
- Holidays that are special for the church
- Christmas and Easter Cantatas
- the church picnics every year
- our faith as we reach out to the community, even as we don't see a return in getting new people to join the church
- celebrating as often as we can
- the UWF (United Women in Faith) celebrating together
- the history that makes me love this church (of how long it's been here)
- the closeness of the people
- our heritage is important
- the reputation we have in the community
- that we are a wonderful church family that meets to worship God on Sunday morning
- the way we support one another in prayer
- that we support one another in times of loss and illness
- that we were the only church to worship (outside) during Covid
- that we love the things the church does; suppers, Shepherd's Staff, baby bottles for Alpha Pregnancy, home-based missions
- that we celebrate fellowship, faith, family, community, each other, highs and lows, joys, and sorrows
- that we are great in putting out food



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- how the church cares so deeply for one another
- the older members who bring compassion and understanding
- that Wesley celebrates a strong sense of family
- how we celebrate as United Women in Faith in our retreats

## 2) What are Wesley's challenges?

***The challenges facing Wesley Church are . . .***

- keeping the church going
- finding ways to draw people in
- exploring how we can get the nursery back up and started
- exploring ways to start Jr. Church and Jr. Choir
- not having a preschool. We gained families because of the preschool
- the need to change the average age of people who now attend on Sundays
- wondering if we can even survive
- dealing with the ramifications after the Disaffiliation Vote in March
- meeting the Budget
- dealing with the feelings of abandonment
- dealing with change, such as a split in the church due to the disaffiliation process
- dealing with the possibility of downsizing
- dealing with the question - What are the new norms now and how do we deal with them?
- Exploring ways to draw younger people and children (in the last 20 years we have witnessed decline.)
- dealing with feelings of grief about losing people, people you love and care for
- dealing with our concerns that some people may be sitting on the fence on whether to stay or leave
- about the concerns for our financial situation due to the disaffiliation process
- pondering the question - How can we keep the doors open?
- our concern for the music program – choir has lost four members
- the lack of leaders to assume leadership positions
- that the Trustees know that we don't have enough money to keep the church up – always wondering if we have enough money to cover a need that arises
- the lack of children is a concern
- a shrinking membership
- how the Wesley Covenant Association has affected the image of the church
- that we are operating on a skeleton crew as we offer religious education on Sunday mornings
- about financial concerns – a loss of \$60,000 dollars due to loss of members after Disaffiliation Process
- how do we increase attendance at worship?
- of working through grief over some loss in the church
- our lack of young families
- of dealing with the concern in how do we get families back into the church?
- our financial challenges
- in the area of growth – it's hard getting young families in the church
- that there is no replacement generation
- to explore the question - What do young people want?
- that we live in an economy where both parents work

## 3) How is the Spirit leading Wesley Church?

***The Spirit is leading Wesley . . .***

- by reminding us that God is not done with this church as we struggle to go on
- by helping us to attract younger people
- that we could become a Lighthouse Church?
- by helping us move ahead on what we can do now rather than dwelling on the past
- by moving us to invite people to come to the Church picnic and other activities

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- to explore opportunities, such as having a movie night
- to be more open and reach out to more people who are different
- by helping the church get back to some normalcy through Outreach, Christmas bazaar
- by nudging us to advertise more about ourselves and the ministries we offer
- by empowering the Outreach Committee who is in the process of planning a Christmas Bazaar on November 4, 2023. The proceeds from the Church Supper will go to support the general budget. A silent auction is planned, and vendors will be invited to rent a space to sell their products.
- to deal with our financial concerns – knowing that a loss of \$60,000 dollars is due to loss of members after Disaffiliation Process.

Unable to meet expenses will necessitate some type of restructuring for Wesley – becoming part of a multi-charge – co-op church alignment

- The likelihood of remaining as a Church Family but the family dynamics will be changing
- attract people with children
- to have Sunday school
- to offer a Wesley Play Group
- to explore offering an after-school day care
- to have Picnics/Potlucks – invite as many people as possible
- to always have juice and snacks when young kids show up
- to have special events for people with kids
- by empowering us to continue fostering a sense of community
- to again offer a contemporary service
- to continue Grief Share, and offer other groups such as, a divorce support group, a support for single parenting, a marriage enrichment class, and a young mothers’ group
- leading us to do community outreach
- that we rely on the Spirit to put some fire into people
- leading us to be more welcoming (inclusion/exclusion), knowing that welcoming is not the same as being inclusive – that we are not to be just welcoming but embracing
- helping us to focus on evangelism
- encouraging us to show special recognition to the young people at Wesley who are making a positive contribution to the life of the church
- David Jeremiah quote “Every Christian is a lens through which the world is trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus.”



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### Church Conference: October 23, 2023, on Zoom

Please save the date to join your Wesley UMC Church family on our ZOOM Church Conference call. The meeting, which will include some voting by Wesley UMC members, is scheduled for **October 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**



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### Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” – Supports United Women in Faith



“Shop ‘til you drop” on one day only, October 18, 2023, from 8 AM to 11 PM with a 25% off Shopping Pass to Boscov’s! 100% of the \$5 cost of the coupons goes to Wesley’s United Women in Faith. The pass entitles you to 25% off your in-store purchases (25% of the lowest sale price). You can also register to win a \$100 Boscov’s gift card (one winner per store)! See Connie Wiegel or another United Women in Faith member to get your coupon! *More details available at [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](https://www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends).*



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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Norma Lou Beam   | 17 Betty Barr             |
| Megan Weaver       | 18 Mindy (Daugherty)      |
| 5 Deanna Sies      | Dehority                  |
| 6 Leroy Schaefer   | 19 Joan Porterfield       |
| 7 Roxanne Elmo     | 22 Lee Ann Crochunis      |
| Travis Martin      | 24 Dieter Halle           |
| 9 Hanne Novotny    | Stephanie McCown          |
| 12 Sydney Miller   | 26 Makenna Rill           |
| Cindy Myatt        | 28 Brenda Kennedy         |
| 13 Linda Hollman   | Lynn Williams             |
| 14 Earl Christiani | 29 Robert Gunnarsson, Jr. |
| Kristen Miller     |                           |

- 3 Brad & Rose Hohmes
- Justin & Angela Mahosky
- 12 Steve & Amanda Hannon
- Scott & Stacey Stauffer
- 13 Jeff & Jan Graf
- 19 Leif & Ashley (DeVilbiss)
- Jansson
- 25 Bryce & Serita Kuhn
- 29 Paul & Lisa Kemp
- 31 Wayde & Susan Smith

***Lots of changes in our church recently. If any names should be added to or removed from the birthday and/or anniversary list, please let Dawn in the church office know.***

### Calling All College Students



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

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

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### Operation Christmas Child 2023

There will be three ways to participate in this year's Annual Outreach Christmas project.

1. You can take a shoebox and fill it as you have in years past. Empty shoeboxes will be ready for pickup at church on Sunday, October 8 and should be returned to church by Sunday, November 5. All directions will be inside each box. The shipping fee this year is \$10. If you are able, please place the money inside the box.
2. If you would like to contribute to the Outreach Committee, you may write a check directly to them. The Outreach Committee will use the money to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes and to help pay for postage of the boxes.
3. You can use the Operation Christmas Child online service to create a shoebox. Each online shoebox costs \$25. Follow directions at this website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.
4. If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Vicky Wilmer at 443-340-7703 or [wilmervicky@gmail.com](mailto:wilmervicky@gmail.com).



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

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

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

**Shirley Rytel**  
15 Pheasant Ridge Rd.  
Hanover, PA 17331



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

**Dot Benedict**  
Longview Nursing Home  
Room 139  
3332 Main St.  
Manchester, MD 21102

**John and Stephanie Halley**  
30 Fitzhugh Avenue  
Westminster, MD 21157

Thank you to Issac Sichel, Tim Anderson and Alayna Mahoskey, VBS students, Circle of Friends, John Sies and Pastor Gary, Rev. Amy, Lana Montgomery, Celee Montgomery, and Linda and Jonathan Yost who provided special music at Wesley this summer. We all are blessed and enriched by the sharing of your musical talents.

~Anonymous



Thank you to Pastor Gary for his inspirational and most appropriate series of sermons on The Fruits of the Spirit. Our Wesley family needs to heal and continue our sense of community with one another. His words were most helpful to that end.

~Anonymous

The Daugherty / Dehority family sends their thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and encouragement through all the upheaval caused by Allen's work going bankrupt. They moved to IL on 8-21; Mindy started her new job on 8-28. Allen and Mindy's jobs are both going well. The kids started at their new daycare on 8-24. While there were tears for the first two weeks, they are adjusting, with Sloane making some new friends. This daycare has been an adjustment for Mindy, also, because it doesn't provide near the personal touch that the one in Marquette did. It has also helped the kids that they (in particular Sloane) have done video calls with friends in Marquette. The cat has adjusted well, after a several hour battle to get her in her carrier to make the trip down. All are working on adjusting to the significantly warmer weather in IL. The sale of their Marquette house was finalized on 9-14, and their rental in IL is sufficient for now. Pat returns to MD on 9-23 via Roger coming to get her as well as see the new location. Their new address is 10 Hickory Lane, Carlinville, IL 62626.

~ Roger and Pat Daugherty

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your very generous gift of \$100.00 to Helping Up Mission – and for standing with us this summer, so men and women can find freedom from the scourge of homelessness, poverty and addiction.

The needs are mounting this fall season, with more and more hurting people turning to Helping Up Mission in search of real help and hope. That is why your kind gift is so appreciated – it couldn't have come at a better time!

On behalf of the men and women in our Spiritual Recovery Program ... the struggling souls coming to us through our mobile outreach program ... and the others we will serve in the coming months ... *thank you, and God bless you!*

~ Gratefully, K. Daniel Stoltzfus, CEO, Helping Up Mission

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### News from the Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee



**Wesley's Lay Leadership Committee** has been very busy. We have contacted 44 people (via phone calls, emails, texts) to express thanks for their service and to ask them if they wish to continue serving in the areas of ministry they are now serving. At this time, we can report the following leadership positions are open for those willing to serve; *Lay Leadership Committee* – (three positions), *Trustees Committee* – (three positions), *Staff Parish Relation Relations Committee* (four positions) *Membership Chair, and Church Treasurer.*

We thank every person here at Wesley who gives of their time, talent, and service to help touch the lives of others in the name of Jesus Christ. We would, however, like to highlight two vital positions that will be open for those willing to serve – the positions of **Church Treasurer** and **Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee**. Laura Waltrup expected to relinquish her role as Treasurer last year. Because of our struggle to find someone to undertake this task, she graciously agreed to serve one more year. She will be stepping down from this role at the end of December. Thank you, Laura! We are indebted to your exemplary leadership for the last 12 years. Linda Yost, our current SPRC chair, will also be stepping down. A year ago, Linda agreed to serve another year on this committee to provide leadership to help guide Wesley through the disaffiliation process (no easy task). We are indebted to her stalwart leadership and wise counsel through this difficult transition. Thank you, Linda!

As you can see, the work of our committee continues. If you have questions about the goals and responsibilities of all these open positions, please contact Pastor Gary either by cell 410-963-8618 or email [pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:pastorgary@wesleychurch-hampstead.org).

Together in Christ's Ministry,  
Pastor Gary

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### Wesley United Methodist Men

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men is planned for Tuesday, October 17. The place and time will be determined at a later date.



## Bakers Needed for our Upcoming Christmas Bazaar

To all you Wesley bakers out there! We are asking for baked good donations for our upcoming church Christmas Bazaar on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with a donation, please contact Brenda Hess or Connie Wiegel. Thank you for your support. We are looking for donations of:

- Cakes
- Pies
- Cookies
- Fudge and/or
- Candy



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## Harvest Ingathering for NESAP



Start gathering your non-perishable food items for our November NESAP food drive to ensure our less fortunate neighbors have a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then starting in November, bring your non-perishable food items to church and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary. This food drive will continue through November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## Help Support Wesley by Dedicating a Pew

A very touching way to donate to Wesley Church is by dedicating a pew in memory or in honor of a loved one. We all have attended church with family members and loved ones and that has transcended into our lives and our continued attendance in God's house. Whether it's a special section of the sanctuary that is near and dear to you, or the church itself, this is a memorable way to show your support.

Consider dedicating a pew as part of your charitable gift. A 4 x 4 dedication plaque will be placed on each pew. The gift for each plaque has been set at \$700 for a half-length pew and \$1000 for a full-length pew. A church pew diagram is available to help identify your desired, specific pew.

The current deadline has been set for Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for installation of plaques and a dedication ceremony in December.

Pew Dedication Forms are available on Sundays during worship at the back on the sanctuary and by request from the church office. Completed forms should be turned in to Janet Martin (717 495-7013).





## The Wesley Book Club: Upcoming Reading Selections for: October, November & December, 2023

### OCTOBER

West With Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

\*Meeting November 2, 2023

### DECEMBER

Out of Circulation (A Cat in The Stacks Mystery No. 4)

by Miranda James

Meeting December 28, 2023

### NOVEMBER

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

\*Meeting November 30, 2023



\*Since most of us will be attending the Women’s Retreat the last weekend/Thursday in October - and since there are five Thursdays in November, let’s meet TWICE for Book Club in November: November 2<sup>nd</sup> and again November 30<sup>th</sup>. Book Club will not meet in October.

Wesley Book Club will meet on the noted Thursday at MJ’s Café & Baking Co. at 12 Noon.

Happy Reading!

Reenie Harris

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## Christmas Bazaar on November 4, 2023

Our Christmas Bazaar will be our biggest fundraiser for Wesley Church. We need everyone to help.

How can you help??

1. Pray that our bazaar will be a success.
2. Sign up to help on one or more of the committees listed in the Sunday School hallway.
3. Volunteer to help with the crafters as they prepare things for our craft table or make crafts at home to sell at the craft table.
4. Make items for the baked table.
5. Distribute flyers in the community.
6. Ask local businesses for donations for the silent auction.
7. Put together a basket for the silent auction.
8. Make Sloppy Joe to be served at lunch.
9. Watch announcements for donation of food to make soups.
10. Donate cases of the small bags of potato chips.
11. Donate cases of water.
12. Donate mustard, relishes, and onions.



If you can help with any of these items, please let Connie or Vicky know.

Thank you so much!





JOIN US FOR

**WESLEY UMC**  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
**@ the Castle**

S A T U R D A Y  
**NOVEMBER**  
**4**

**9:00AM - 3:00PM**

Breakfast and lunch available for purchase.

As well as Wesley's homemade delicious chili,  
chicken corn soup and vegetable beef soup.

Baked goods for purchase

Silent Auction

Craft Tables

Various vendors

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VICKY: 443-340-7703



# VENDORS WELCOME

JOIN US FOR

## WESLEY UMC Christmas Bazaar

@ the Castle

S A T U R D A Y  
NOVEMBER

4

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Spaces available at \$25  
One 8 ft table and 2 chairs will be provided

Contact Janet Martin (717-495-7013) or  
Brenda Kennedy (410-259-0503)  
for more information.

3239 CARROLLTON ROAD  
HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074

## Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • September 13, 2023

**Members present:** Vicky Wilmer, Jan Kurtz, Cindy Myatt, Madison Smith, Janet Martin, Michelle Hudgins, Pastor Gary.

1. Treasurer's Report – Cindy reported that we are in the black and she will be paying out missions in October for the rest of the year.
2. In October we will take a look at our Budget for 2023 & 2024 and make some decisions.
3. Meals are currently being delivered to the Halley family.
4. The church picnic was well attended with 35 people. It was a great time of fellowship. We are going to try potlucks quarterly. The next one will be on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. Wesley Cupboard – Connie reported that food is moving out quickly. Thank you to everyone who has been stepping up and filling the cupboard.
6. College Students – Vicky has asked for names of students currently enrolled in college. She will purchase gift cards at a later time.
7. Operation Christmas Child – Vicky will purchase supplies.
8. Cookie Walk will take place on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. Caroling – Jan has planned for caroling on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
10. Thanksgiving Food Drive – Janet said we would be collecting food for NESAP and delivering it to them on Monday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
11. Christmas Families – Cindy suggested that we support local families again this year.
12. Rescue Mission Meals
  - a. September – Ham Linda Hollman, Mac and Cheese Michelle, Corn and green beans Jan Kurtz and desserts – congregation
  - b. October 17<sup>th</sup> Chili Clay and Michelle, Cornbread Jan, Salad and Dessert – Congregation
13. Night by Night Shelter – Janet stated that they currently have 40 people each night. They need to-go breakfast items as well as blankets.

Next Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



## Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • August 23, 2023

**Attendance:** Linda Yost, John Yost, Janet Martin, Laura Waltrup, Denny Rill, Brenda Kennedy, David Hudgins, Michelle Hudgins, Rev. Gary, Donald Lippy, Dean Brewer, John Sies, Connie Weigel, Linda Hollman, Jen Ejk, Brenda Hess, Jan Kurtz, Scott Palmer, and Vicky Wilmer



Rev. Gary opened the meeting with devotion and prayer at 7:06 p.m.

**Staff Parish** – Linda Yost reported that they met via Zoom due to the power outage at the church. They talked about goals for our church and discussed where our church is struggling. They discussed Dawn's schedule.

**Trustees**- Dean Brewer reported that they are working hard on maintaining the building. The stain glass window out front is showing signs of rotting. A missing piece of plexiglass was found in the church office.

**Finance** – Laura Waltrup reported that our income is far below what is necessary to meet our operating expenses. Our income is \$3,500 less per month than we need to pay our bills. Letters were sent out to 130 current members advising them of our financial situation. The District Superintendent has been advised that we have been unable to pay our apportionments since June. Our apportionments (now called mission shares) are \$2,500 monthly. Linda Yost suggested that we reach out to people we haven't seen in the last couple of months. We thank the Finance Committee for being proactive all year.

Dean Brewer suggested that we can raise funds by encouraging members to dedicate a pew in honor or memory of a family member. A motion was made to encourage members to purchase a pew in memory or honor of a family member at the cost of \$700 for the shorter pews (4) and \$1000 for the longer pews (18). All approved. A committee will put together a flyer to let the congregation know of this initiative. Michelle, Janet, Dave, and Dean volunteered to work on this.

We discussed the need to reach out to the Memorial Committee to see if any of the families would like to use the money given in memory of their loved ones for the pew memorials. Jan Kurtz will investigate where the files for memorials are.

Last time we met we discussed and approved using the restricted funds as necessary. We agreed to use the Camp Welsey Funds if necessary to pay our expenses.

It was suggested that we revisit the issue of incorporation of the cemetery. A motion was made to send it to the Cemetery Committee for investigation. Motion carried 14 approved and 1 abstained.

### **Pastor's report**

- a. Completing summer sermon series on the "Fruits of the Spirit" Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control
- b. Facilitating Adult Sunday School Class using NT Wright's book Simply Christian, a resource to help us explore our Christian Faith together.
- c. Pastor just finished the 5<sup>th</sup> group meeting addressing three questions: 1)What does Wesley Church celebrate? 2) What do you see as the challenges Wesley is facing? 3) How do you see the Holy Spirit leading Wesley in the future? He will share the results with the Ad Council.
- d. Pastor will be on vacation from Sept. 1 thru Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Linda Yost will be preaching on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rev, Amy will lead the communion liturgy, bless elements, and administer the sacraments.
- e. Wesley's Church Conference will be held via Zoom on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.
- f. Pastor met with the District Superintendent on August 15 for his annual one-to-one meeting.
- g. Looking for an Audio/Visual Volunteer to live stream worship service on Sunday and upload service on the church website.

Lay Leadership committee contacted 44 people concerning their service and willingness to continue. At this time, we can report that the following positions are open for those willing to serve. Lay Leadership 5, Trustees 5, Staff Parish Relations 4, church historian, membership chair and liaison for Maryland Faith and Health Network. Lay Leadership has a Zoom meeting scheduled for August 29.

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**Christian Education-** Jen Ejk reported that they have enough teachers to teach Sunday School this year, but they need substitutes. They are using curriculum that they already had. Jackie, Jen, and Patty will be working as a team to run the Sunday School. Jackie will be taking over for Jen beginning in January. Postcards will be sent out and they will be advertising the beginning of Sunday School on the website and social media. Jen and Davona will be teaching the preschool-kindergarten class, Linda Yost and Patty will be teaching the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and Jackie and Brenda Hess will be teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Outreach-** Vicky Wilmer reported that school supplies were collected for NESAP and Linda Yost delivered them. The Outreach Committee has decided that any of our fundraisers will go directly to the church to help with our expenses. Our church picnic will be on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Fried chicken, drinks, and paper supplies will be provided by the Outreach Committee. Please sign up at the back of the church if you plan on coming. We are continuing to support the Rescue Mission with a meal once a month. Many people have been using the cupboard. It is a blessing to our congregation and the community.

The Outreach Committee proposed that we all work together to hold a Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> instead of a fall supper. All money raised will go directly to the church. There will be a meeting for everyone who is interested on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Worship Committee-** Janet reported that worship service will move to 11am on Sept. 10, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is Worldwide Communion with bread, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Day – carnations and ringing of the bell, and Nov. 12 we will Honor Veterans.

**Women of Faith** – Connie Weigel reported that they will meet on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. They are selling 25% off shopping passes to Boscov's for \$5.00 for Oct. 18. This money will be used to continue their mission work.

**Men's Group** – Dave Hudgins reported that they will be having their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7am at Bob Evans in Westminster.

**Grief Share, Visitation** – Reenie Harris sent her report.

- a. Grief Share will be starting on September 5<sup>th</sup> running thru December 5<sup>th</sup> – every Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30 pm in the Harrell Library. Bonnie Catron and Reenie will be facilitating as usual.
- b. Dawn has already called her regarding an email sent to the church inquiring about Grief Share. Bonnie and/or Reenie will reach out to the person. Also, a Grief Share ad will be appearing in Northern News – twice during August. All NEW MATERIAL. The new pamphlets are displayed in the Harrell Library (coffee table), and on the Bulletin Boards going into the Fellowship Hall.
- c. Visitation Committee has been meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. We met on August 2<sup>nd</sup> - sent cards to Betty Barr, the Halley family, and Bill Connor. Pastor Gary has been making visits to Betty and John Halley. Meals are being taken to the Halley family.
- d. After Church Lunch Bunch is on the calendar for August 27<sup>th</sup> at J&P Restaurant in Hampstead.

The next Ad Council meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.





# OCTOBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Traditional Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>2</b> Crafters 10:00-12:00 PM	<b>3</b> Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	<b>4</b> Visitation Committee at J&P's Restaurant 12 PM Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Regular Worship Schedule	<b>9</b> Crafters 10:00-12:00 PM	<b>10</b> Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	<b>11</b> Outreach 6 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> OFFICE CLOSED— Davin on vacation	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Regular Worship Schedule <i>November Journal            Submissions Due            Today!</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM UMM—Place/Time TBD GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	<b>18</b> Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" in support of UW in Faith Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> United Women in Faith 11 AM	<b>20</b> Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM Girl Scouts Movie Night 6:30—9:00 PM	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Regular Worship Schedule	<b>23</b> Annual Church Conference 6:30 PM via Zoom	<b>24</b> Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	<b>25</b> Administrative Council 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Regular Worship Schedule <i>After-Church Lunch Bunch            following Worship            (location TBA)</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM			<b>Looking Ahead...</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar</b> Saturday, November 4 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	<b>Looking Ahead...</b> <b>Potluck Lunch</b> Sunday, November 5 Right after worship

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**Worship Participants for October:**

**October 1:** Greeters—Dennis Rill and Randy Kurtz, **Liturgist**— Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill, **Acolyte**— *Need*,  
**A/V Team**— *Need*

**October 8:** Greeters—United Women in Faith, **Liturgist**—Jeff Zachman, **Acolyte**— *Need*,  
**A/V Team**— *Need*

**October 15:** Greeters—Carl and Ruth Rill, **Liturgist** — John Sies, **Acolyte**— *Need*,  
**A/V Team**— *Need*

**October 22:** Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, **Liturgist** — Kim Peake, **Acolyte**— *Need*,  
**A/V Team**— *Need*

**October 29:** Greeters—Barbara Sater and Gladys Smith, **Liturgist** — TBD, **Acolyte**— *Need*,  
**A/V Team**— *Need*

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