

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 remember well the week that lasted forever. It was the year 1986 and I agreed to be a summer camp director for a week in August. When asked to be a director, I reluctantly answered with a timid 'Yes.' I had never attended summer camp as a youngster; nor did I even volunteer to be a camp counselor as a staff member. Because of no previous experience, I didn't have the foggiest idea of what to expect. You probably are wondering why I agreed to accept such a task. At the time, I was a newly ordained pastor and felt obligated to answer the conference's call to serve.

The theme for summer camp would be 'community.' After receiving a resource packet in the mail, I set out to build my staff. After making numerous phone calls asking for volunteers of which were answered by a long list of 'no's,' I finally created a staff not of my choice, but a staff comprised of those who finally agreed. My staff consisted of two adults (counting myself) and four teenagers. We managed to meet a couple of times before arriving to lead our appointed week at camp.

Finally, the week arrived. My first day I spent time talking to the parents of a child who was standing in front of me crying and demanding her parents to take her home. The parents refused to do so, and I was now in the position of convincing her to stay. The next day it started to rain, which continued off and on throughout the entire week. Thus, we spent most of our time in the dorms playing indoor games and singing songs. This routine gets old rather fast for 30 energetic middle school kids. We came prepared for activities designed for a 'discovery' camp; events designed to take place outside. I learned that week the meaning of the phrase, "Preparing for a rainy day."

The third night I spent time looking for two of my teenage counselors. It seems they were more interested in the two teenage boys who were working in the camp dining hall as dishwashers for their summer jobs. After managing to locate them and bring them back to the dorm, I was able to get a few hours of sleep.

I found myself praying for the week to end soon and being emancipated from my assignment as camp director. The week that was to build up community turned out to be one marred by having a dysfunctional staff, dealing with homesick middle schoolers, and forced to alter our planned events due to constant rains.

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Deadline for the December issue of The Wesley Journal is Wednesday, November 15. Please email your news to wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Friday did arrive. The parents poured into the campgrounds picking up their children to make their drive back home. Bedraggled and defeated, I stood there as this scene of reunion unfolded. Suddenly one of my campers came running up to me (the same girl who wanted to leave during the first day of camp). She smiled and thanked me for convincing her to stay at camp. She told me she had a great time!

After spending a week facing one problem after another, my week ended with a remark of gratitude. Maybe that was my lesson in a nutshell. It is not easy to build community. Problems do arise and circumstances readily change. I also learned that the world does not conform to my personal feelings. A little girl's life was changed at summer camp, and she thanked me for helping make that happen.

As the season of thanksgiving nears, we, too, know the world isn't as it should be. Building community in the church, nation, and world is an enormous task and we face numerous detours and distractions. Yet we can show gratitude to one another and learn to see the best in one another. Let me be the first to begin: I thank each of you for helping me to grow and helping me to learn what it means to live in community.

Grace & Peace,
Gary



Wesley United Methodist Women in Faith

Due to an error on the part of the Administrative Assistant, these minutes were inadvertently missed in the October Journal. Here are the minutes from the meeting held in September:

The United Women in Faith met on September 21, 2023.

There were seven women in attendance.

A reading from the UW in Faith Response Magazine was read by Connie concerning a UW in Faith unit located in North Carolina that collected broken shells from a nearby beach that reminded them of how broken they are in many ways. They are making cards using these shells and writing messages of encouragement to handout to those they notice in need.

Connie shared the Wesley United Methodist UMW History with those women that had not heard the history.

UW in Faith Treasurer's report was presented.

UW in Faith are currently collecting Boscov's fundraiser money.

The next UW in Faith meeting will be held on October 19 at 10:00am. The group will be cleaning and prepping the fellowship hall and kitchen for the Church craft bazaar. Jan Graf will provide a dessert with the UW in Faith group.

Michelle and Connie will be ushers on the October 8th church service.

The meeting closed with joys and concerns.

Submitted by Brenda Hess





- 2 Jarrett Peake
Pam Phillips
- 4 John Hess
Leif Jansson
- 5 Rick Waltrup
- 7 Laura Waltrup
- 8 Rose Hohmes
Jessica Sellman
- 9 Michael Rill
- 10 Kenzie Zizzamia

- 15 Brenda Hess
- 16 Christina Ejek
Katherine Ejek
- 18 Marty Joiner
Stephanie Smith
Evie Zilberman
- 19 Cheryl Rill
- 22 Eric Zilberman
- 24 Michael Crochunis

- 16 Wayne & Peggy Horner
- 18 Jim & Beverly Hoffman



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.

Let's Celebrate Our Veterans!



Just a reminder that Veteran's Day is coming up on November 11th. We at Wesley will honor and display pictures and information about our military members on Sunday, November 12th. There is a box on the floor in the back of the sanctuary for these items. We have numerous members and their families of whom we are proud!

~Bonnie Catron and Linda Hollman

Wesley Choir News

On December 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., The Wesley Choir will be performing a Christmas Cantata:

"Night of the Father's Love"
(The Awe and Mystery of God with us.)

We truly hope that you and your family will join us for this special program. See you there!

~ The Wesley Choir and Jan Graf, director



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

“Food is medicine.” These are words from Pastor Gary’s message on August 20, 2023. So here is a shout out to all of Wesley’s cooks! Our meal ministry, coordinated by Bonnie Catron, feeds the bodies and the souls of our Wesley family members with a need. Thanks to all our wonderful cooks!!

~Anonymous



Dawn,
We appreciate your business! Thank you for trusting Doceo with your technology needs at Wesley United Methodist Church.

~Tom, Samantha
& Doceo Team

Caroling

We will be going caroling the first Sunday in December. Please consider joining us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. It brings much cheer to the people we visit. You do not need to sing well to join us. Children are welcome. People enjoy having them visit.

Contact Jan Kurtz, 443-340-6497 or by email at jan.kurtz@gmail.com if you would like to join us or if you have someone you think could use a visit.



Wesley United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 a.m.
at Bob Evans in Westminster for our breakfast meeting.



Making online contributions to Wesley UMC is easier than ever!

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Secure donation services are provided by Vanco Services. Vanco processes electronic donations for more than 10,000 churches and nonprofit organizations.



On page nine in this newsletter is an Authorization form for these services. Please return the completed authorization forms Laura Waltrup in person or mail to Wesley UMC attention "Electronic Giving." Or as an alternative, visit the church website at www.wesleychurch-hampstead.org and click on the DONATE button to be directed to an online registration form.

Questions can be directed to Laura Waltrup OR feel free to call the church office.

Harvest Ingathering for NESAP

Bring your non-perishable food items to church and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Your non-perishable food items are part of our November Northeast Social Action Program (NESAP) food drive to ensure our less fortunate neighbors have a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas. The deadline for food to be brought in is November 19th.



Help Support Wesley by Dedicating a Pew – Deadline is November 5th



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 5th 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).



Calling Upon Our Cooks

November 22

As you probably know we provide a meal for Westminster Rescue Mission once a month. This gives the hardworking staff a break and cuts down on the center's overhead. They are very grateful for our help. We need **your** help in providing a meal on November 22nd that could be reheated on Thanksgiving Day. We will also need help in December. We need people to provide the following for the dates indicated below:

November 22

Turkey, dressing and gravy- Michelle Hudgins is taking care of this
green bean casserole
mashed potatoes
desserts

December 19

We will be providing **soup, bread and desserts**.

If you can help with either of these dinners, please contact Jan Kurtz (jan.kurtz@gmail.com) or Michelle Hudgins.



Drivers are needed

We would like to develop a list of drivers who would be willing to transport members and other nearby folks to doctor appointments and church. Some of you have been doing this informally for years but we would like to have a solid list to refer to when someone asks for help. If you think you can assist with this please contact Jan Kurtz 443-340-6497 or Janet Martin 717-495-7013.



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

NOVEMBER

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Meeting November 30, 2023

DECEMBER

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

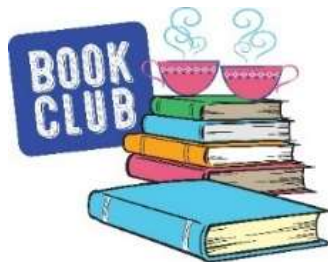
by Miranda James

Meeting December 28, 2023

Book Club will meet TWICE in November: November 2nd (to discuss West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge) and again on November 30th to discuss the book, The Personal Librarian.

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

Happy Reading!
Reenie Harris



All Saints' Day – November 5



This year, All Saints' Day is on Sunday, November 5, 2023. On that day, we will 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 Dawn in our church office, 410-374-4027 or wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org to have your loved one remembered.

Operation Christmas Child 2023

Filled shoeboxes should be returned to church by Sunday, November 5. The boxes will be blessed on November 12. If you have any questions about this year's collection, please contact Vicky Wilmer at 443-340-7703 or wilmervicky@gmail.com.





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

3239 CARROLLTON ROAD
HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074
CONNIE: 410-374-3675
VICKY: 443-340-7703

AUTHORIZATION FORM



Name of the organization: **Wesley United Methodist Church**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ____ / ____ / ____					
Type of authorization:		<input type="checkbox"/> New authorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name			First Name		
Address					
City				State	Zip
Email Address					
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____ / ____ / ____		FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 st and 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th		FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance & Repair <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
				AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____	
[CHECKING / SAVINGS]	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)			Routing Number: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: _____ ⑆1234567890 123 1234567 0001 Routing Number Account Number Check Number	
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____				
[CREDIT / DEBIT CARD]	Card Brand (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card				
	Card Number:			Expiration Date:	
	Name on Card:				
	Billing Address (if different from above):				
I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above. Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____					

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes • October 11, 2023

Members present: Vicky Wilmer, Jan Kurtz, Cindy Myatt, Connie Wiegel, Michelle Hudgins

1. Treasurer's Report –Cindy reported that she has paid all of the missions that we support for last quarter. We will still need to support Operation Christmas Child and Christmas families.
2. Budget for 2023 & 2024
 - a. Since we are currently not fundraising for Outreach, we will need to go barebones for 2024.
 - b. Our future fundraisers are the cookie walk in December and a possible Soup Sale in January 2024.
3. Meals are currently being provided for the Halleys. Thank you to everyone who is so willing to provide meals when called upon.
4. Wesley Cupboard –Several families appear to be accessing the cupboard and we will be filling it frequently.
5. College Students – Several parents/grandparents have reached out to Vicky with current addresses.
6. Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be returned by Nov. 12th. Please include the \$10 postage for each box. You can place it in the top of the boxes or hand it to Vicky.
7. Cookie Walk will be on December 17th. We need bakers. Please let Cindy know if you are willing to bake cookies.
8. Caroling will take place December 3rd after the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a bag lunch and then we will head out.
9. Thanksgiving Food Drive will benefit NESAP. Please bring your nonperishable items and place them in the back of the church. We will deliver them on November 19th.
10. Christmas Family will be a local family that has 5 adults and 2 children. Tags will be placed on a Christmas tree as soon as we get their sizes and needs.
11. Rescue Mission Meals – If you are willing to help make any of the items below, please see Jan Kurtz. Trish St. Michael is the new manager.
 - a. Oct. meal of Chili – Clay and Michelle, corn bread Jan, Salad Connie, and Dessert has been taken care of.
 - b. Nov. meal - We have been asked to provide a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday Nov. 22nd that the clients can warm up on Thursday.
 - i. Turkey and Stuffing and gravy- Michelle
 - ii. Mashed potatoes
 - iii. Green bean casserole
 - iv. desserts
 - c. December soup and bread and dessert
12. Night by Night Shelter are still in need of blankets and breakfast to go items. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this cause in supporting those in need.
13. There are some people in need of transportation within our church. If you are willing to help transport people, please let Jan Kurtz know.

Next Meeting: November 8th



Administrative Council Meeting Minutes • September 27, 2023

Opening Prayer

Those present: John Sies, Jenn Eck, Denny Rill, Michelle Hudgins, Connie Wiegel, Janet Martin, Jan Kurtz, Gary Sheffield-James, Laura Waltrup, Brenda Kennedy, Vicky Wilmer



Committee Reports

1. Staff Parish Relations Committee –no report
2. Trustees: no report
3. The Finance Committee met last Wednesday via Zoom 9/20/2023.
 - a. Donations have increased a bit and the pew dedications received to date (\$3,700) have helped offset the deficits we incurred since March. You will see from the last report (income and expense by month) that August was the first month since January, that our income was more than expenses.
 - b. The key will be sustainability. While there is not an imminent concern for covering expenses, the Finance Committee does not believe that income at the current levels will be sustainable and will not cover our current expense levels.
 - c. We will be preparing budget scenarios for the Finance Committee to review in the coming week to be shared with SPRC and ultimately Ad Council to vote on in November.
 - d. The Finance Committee is planning on kicking off a pledge campaign to obtain committed support from our membership to financially support Wesley. Dave Hudgins can speak more to this.
 - e. Laura will be serving as Treasurer until year end reporting is completed (Statistical Report, W-2s, and assistance with contribution statements as necessary) - anticipated through January/early February. We will be looking at how the day to day financial operations will need to change with respect to authorized bank signers, review and approval process for expenditures and check signing, reporting, etc...
 - f. We need someone familiar with QuickBooks who has the capacity to donate about 5 hours of their time each month to oversee the accounting functions and serve on the Finance Committee.
4. Dave suggested we do a pledge campaign. This could help us have a more sustainable program. Each week short testimonies and discussion about the money use. Do this over a series of 4 weeks. Put out quarterly statement to people about how they have done in relation to the church. Discussion that we should target people who are on the rolls but not attending.
 - a. We could discuss it on Harvest Sunday
 - b. Stewardship Sunday
5. Men's Group
 - a. Seven men attended breakfast fellowship at Bob Evans on 9/19
 - b. Pastor Gary provided the devotion
 - c. Business:
 - d. Checking balance: no report
 - e. Fund raising: no pancake breakfasts or other UMM fundraising at this time
 - f. UMM will provide snacks for social time 10:30 - 11:00 in December. May only be a couple Sundays to cover due to holidays.
 - g. UMM will support Christmas bazaar on 11/4 by providing breakfast from 9:00-11:00. Coffee and water will be available for sale. We will provide anything else.
 - h. Agree to sell egg and sausage/bacon sandwiches and donuts.
 - i. Next meeting 11/21 7:30am at Bob Evans Westminster
6. Pastor's report
 - a. Pastor is facilitating the Adult Class on Sunday using NT Wright's book, Simply Christian, as a resource to help us explore our Christian faith.
 - b. I have shared the tabulation of responses received from my group meetings with SPRC, Administrative Council and Congregation that addressed three questions: 1) What does Wesley Church celebrate? 2) What do you see as the challenges Wesley is facing? and 3) How do you see the Holy Spirit leading Wesley in the future? Will discuss at next meeting.

- c. Pastor attended District Meeting on September 26 held at Pond View Farm, Whitehall, Maryland.
- d. Pastor will be on vacation from November 22 to November 29. Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill will be preaching on November 26.
- e. Wesley's Church Conference which will be held via Zoom on Monday, October 23 rd at 6:30 pm. Matt is working on a way
- 7. Lay Leadership-
 - a. Wesley's Lay Leadership Committee contacted 44 people (via phone calls, emails, texts) to express thanks for their service and asking if they wish to continue to serving in various areas of ministry. We have held 2 Zoom Meetings, first on August 29, 2023, and second on September 19.
 - i. At this time, we can report the following leadership positions are still open for those who are willing to serve;
 - 1. Lay Leadership Committee – (three positions)
 - 2. Trustees Committee – (three positions),
 - 3. Staff Parish Relation Relations Committee (three positions)
 - 4. Church Treasurer
 - 5. Membership Chair
- 8. Christian Education
 - a. Sunday School 10-15 children
 - b. Oct 15 Fall Festival Fruit of the Spirit with apples, food and activities
 - c. Pageant attempt a live nativity on Dec 10th
 - d. Jackie is going to train some acolytes
- 9. Outreach-
 - a. Operation Christmas Child
 - b. Food cupboard- need to see if it is one family or many families
 - i. We will monitor it to see if we need to change how we provide the food or provide information on other local resources
 - ii. Dawn will help us to view the videos to determine how the cupboard is being used.
 - c. College Students- we need names and addresses
 - d. Potluck dinner Sunday after the Christmas Bazaar
 - e. Monday Oct 1 Meeting for Bazaar 7:30
 - f. Christmas Bazaar
 - i. Vicky has applications for the vendors
 - ii. We will be asking people to sponsor a sign and put it up in a visible place
 - iii. We asking everyone to distribute and post flyers and on Facebook
 - iv. We need a letter for the silent auction and donations
- 10. Worship-
 - a. Oct 1 worldwide communion kneeling rail back so people can use it
 - b. Nov 5th All Saint's day
 - c. Nov 12 Veteran recognition
 - d. Nov. 19 Harvest/Stewardship Sunday
 - e. Dec 3rd Advent begins
 - f. Dec 10 Children's program and outdoor nativity
 - g. Dec 17 Cantata
 - h. Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 - i. Family service 11am
 - ii. 11pm service
 - i. Masks will be available
 - j. Spotlight will be fixed
- 11. Women of Faith
 - a. Met last Thursday
 - b. Next meeting –Oct 19th Cleaning meeting 10-2
- 12. Grief Share, Visitation no report

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New Business

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: October 24th at 7:00.



POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Immediately after Worship

Bring your family and friends

Please bring a main dish, side dish or
dessert **to share**

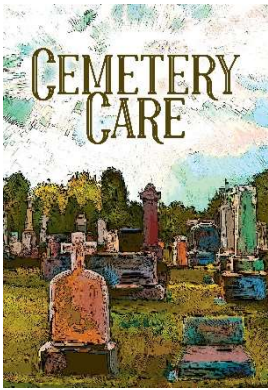
Come for the **FELLOWSHIP**

Come for the **FUN!**

(No signup needed)



Orphan Stone Donations



Autumn has arrived, and the Wesley UMC Cemetery Committee is accepting donations for the repair of "Orphan Stones." Even though the cemetery is not responsible for repairs to the monuments, we have many older ones that have no family left to repair them—thus they are "Orphan Stones."

Time and weather have caused these older monuments to break, tilt, or fall. The earliest marked burial is 1841 and there are nearly 1,000 former members of our church buried in the cemetery. Our church has a wonderful history, going back over 234 years!

At this time, we have used many of the funds designated for Orphan Stones with repairs that need to be made to them. In honor of and in gratitude to those people who founded and sustained our church, and to keep our cemetery in good repair and appearance, we ask for your support. You may send your tax-deductible donation, made out to Wesley United Methodist Church or put it in the collection plate at any time. Be sure to add your name to the outside of an envelope and if you have a regular church envelope, please include that number, also. Mark it for the "Orphan Stones" or Wesley Cemetery. Also, please keep the church and cemetery in mind when you are preparing or updating your will. This will help us in the future.

Thank you. Dennis Rill, Wesley Cemetery Committee

Looking for a Way to Connect to God and One Another? Join Small Group Today!

Sharing a potluck dinner at 6:30 PM.

*Growing closer to **God and one another** through
a **book study** at 7:30 PM.*

*Sharing our **joys and concerns and praying**.
This is what the Small Group at Wesley is about.*

"One of the things that contributed to the quick spread of Methodism in its early days was the class meeting. Wesley was very intentional and particular about placing individuals into these small groups in order to foster and encourage their spiritual growth."

From <https://seedbed.com/modeling-john-wesleys-small-groups/>

Small Groups develop discussion skills and thinking, explore attitudes, and share and reflect upon experiences.

Adapted from [Effective small group learning: AMEE Guide No. 48 \(ufl.edu\)](#)

Small Group meets at Wesley UMC on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and in the Library for study and prayer.

On November 27th, we will be starting a new book entitled,

"Seamless – Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story," by Angie Smith, which can be purchased through Amazon at <https://tinyurl.com/h7c3fr52>.

If you are interested in joining the Small Group for this study, please see Jan Kurtz or call Jess Sichel at (443) 850-4274.


We hope you'll consider this opportunity to deepen your discipleship!





NOVEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship Service			1 Visitation 12 PM at J&P's Trustees 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	2 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM	3 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM	4 Christmas Bazaar 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 
5 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <i>Regular Worship Schedule</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Potluck Lunch—right after worship</i>	6	7 Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM	8 Outreach 6 PM SPRC Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	9	10 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM	11
12 <i>Regular Worship Schedule</i> <i>Veteran Recognition</i>	13 Small Group Gathering 6:30 PM	14 Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare Meeting "Surviving the Holidays" 6:30 to 8:30 PM	15 Finance 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM December Journal Submissions Due!	16	17 Office Open 8:30—4:30 PM	18
19 <i>Regular Worship Schedule</i> <i>Harvest/Stewardship Sunday</i>	20	21 Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM UMM Bob Evans 7:30 AM GriefShare in Library 6:30 to 8:30 PM	22 Pastor Gary on vacation Boy Scouts 7:30 PM	23 Pastor Gary on vacation Happy Thanksgiving!	24 Pastor Gary on vacation Office CLOSED	25
26 Pastor Gary on vacation <i>Regular Worship Schedule</i> <i>After-Church Lunch</i> <i>Bunch—location TBD</i>	27 Pastor Gary on vacation Small Group Gathering 6:30 PM	28 Pastor Gary on vacation Office Open 12:30—4:30 PM GriefShare Meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM	29 Pastor Gary on vacation Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Administrative Council 7 PM	30 Book Club at MJ's Café & Baking Co. 12 PM		

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



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

Phone: (410) 374-4027

Email: wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org

Office Hours: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Worship Participants for November:

November 5: Greeters—Dennis Rill and Vicky Wilmer, **Liturgist**— Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill,
Acolyte— *Need*, A/V Team— *Need*

November 12: Greeters—United Women in Faith, **Liturgist**—Linda Hollman,
Acolyte— Will Otwell, A/V Team— *Need*

November 19: Greeters—Bonnie Catron and Brenda Kennedy, **Liturgist** — Jeff Zachman,
Acolyte— Will Otwell (maybe), A/V Team— *Need*

November 26: Greeters—Jan & Randy Kurtz, **Liturgist** — John Sies,
Acolyte— *Need*, A/V Team— *Need*

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