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, worshiping & praying, and serving and connecting.

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Friends:

As many of you know, the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) has communicated to you through the Wesley Journal and announcements inserted in the Sunday bulletin that Wesley will join the North Carroll Cooperative Parish, starting July 1st.

The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote: "There is a season for everything under the sun." As your pastor, I have served here for a significant season. I've been greatly blessed to have serve as your interim pastor at Wesley for two years. As we faced difficult issues before us, the folks of this congregation did so with love, compassion, and respect for each other. You are a gifted, talented congregation! I hope you have learned from me as much as I have learned from you.

Now it's time for Wesley to begin a new season. Your new pastors will bring new ideas, new ways of looking at things, and will offer a new vision for shared ministry. The pastors of the cooperative parish, The Rev. Dr. Melissa Rudolph, Rev. John Rudolph, and Rev. Jerry Gautcher possess unique gifts and graces and they have already created unique ministries that enable you participate in that reach out to the community in Christ's name. Show them your support and keep them in your prayers daily.

My last Sunday preaching and leading worship will be Sunday, June 16th. I will end my stay here with a great sense of gratitude. I thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and shepherd. Together we have learned the great epic of God's love displayed in the pages of scripture. We have shared tears of sorrow as we have gathered at the gravesite of loved ones. We've worked side by side on mission projects. We have worshiped together in giving thanks for all of God's wonderful blessings. And so, I thank you for being a blessing to my life.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

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Deadline for the July-August 2024 issue of The Wesley Journal is Wednesday, June 22nd. Please email your news to wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org

June Birthdays

1 Jack Baumiller
Carolyn Graf Whetsell
2 Michelle Hudgins

7 Molly Rill
Pastor Gary Sheffield-James
9 Madilyn Baumiller
10 Lisa Martin

11 Steven Beam
Ashley (DeVilbiss) Jansson
12 Jana Zachman
15 Joshua Wiedefeld-Lehigh
17 Belinda Rill
18 Frank Grabowski
19 Reed Zilberman
21 Caitlin Insley
Jackie Ottwell
22 Andrew Wilmer
Todd Wilmer
23 Chris Weaver
25 Clay Myatt, III
Carl Rill
Jim Rill
26 Matt Ottwell
29 Brandon Mahosky
30 Curtis Gore
Tim Pfoutz
Douglas A. Rill

June Anniversaries

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

If any names should be added to or removed from the birthday and/or anniversary list, please call or email the church office.

Family & Friends to Keep in Prayer

(Cards & Calls Welcome!)

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

John and Stephanie Halley
30 Fitzhugh Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157

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

Clay & Cindy Myatt
16 Lookout Ct,
Gettysburg, PA 1725

Shirley Rytel
15 Pheasant Ridge Road
Hanover, PA 17331

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

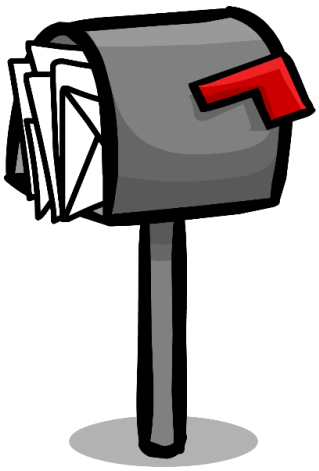
Prayers Especially for Individuals/Families:

- For Clay Myatt who is suffering from the side effects of chemotherapy, and for Clay's family, especially his wife, Cindy, as she walks alongside Clay during his treatments.
- For Roxane Brewer's niece-in-law, Angela, as she recently had a mastectomy. She is home and recovering well but still has a long road.
- For Irene Davis's nephew, Terence Butler, who is recovering from serious spine surgery and other complications at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is now out of ICU and in a regular hospital room.
- For Cindy Barr's niece Taylor, who just gave birth prematurely to a little girl Ellie, who is currently at the Neonatal ICU at Hopkins Bayview and getting stronger.
- For Ruth Elseroad who continues to need prayer for healing.
- For Sarah Norman's mom, Renee Norman as she continues chemotherapy treatments and for her dad Sterling Watson who is in recovery from a recent vascular surgery.
- For Rick Waltrup's Parents, who are both recovering from possible pneumonia and doing better.
- For Jill, Tina, Evelyn & Lance as they continue their battles with cancer.
- For Ruth & Carl Rill's daughter-in-law, Tracey Rill, who recently had surgery and will begin treatment soon.
- For Kenzie Zizzamia, who is home from the hospital. They have removed her abdominal drain, and she is on the road to healing.
- For Laura Waltrup's dad, David Khene who is home from Longview and doing better.
- For Jeff Zachman and his family as they mourn the recent loss of his father, Harvey Warren Zachman, and for his Aunt Jean as she recently had her knee replaced.
- For the Residents and Staff at the Westminster Rescue Mission.
- For all those who are going through cancer treatments or in hospice.
- For the victims and families of the war in Ukraine, and the war in Israel and Gaza.

Prayer requests will remain on this list for four weeks. Unless another request is received, their name will be removed. If, at any time, you would like to add to or remove someone from this list, please contact the Administrative Assistant at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or call the church office at 410-374-4027.

Attention: Wesley Members

There is a Bookkeeper Mailbox in the Church Office!



In order to ensure that all bills, etc., are paid in a timely manner, please put anything regarding Accounts Payable (invoices, statements, credit card receipts, etc.) in the Bookkeeper mailbox instead of the Treasurer or the Trustees. Dawn McFadden now handles all the Accounts Payable duties as Laura Waltrup has retired as Treasurer. If you are unsure which mailbox to put something in regarding Accounts Payable or even if it is a contract, etc., please still put them in the Bookkeeper mailbox. Dawn will sort the mail, make copies of what she needs and disperse it to the appropriate committee mailbox when she has done her part.

Any questions, please email Dawn at **wesleyofficegroup@gmail.com** and she will respond at her convenience. If you have an urgent question regarding Accounts Payable, please contact the Church Office at **410-374-4027** and Sarah can get the message to Dawn. Thanks for your assistance!

Conference Policy for Outgoing Pastors

Below is the policy regarding pastors returning to a previous appointment as specified in the Baltimore Conference Manual on Policies and Procedures.

4014. Returning to a Previous Appointment - Clergy Transition Policy

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.
2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. This policy is ongoing and doesn't have an expiration date.
3. Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections one and two verbatim in either a pastoral letter to be sent to each member or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

The Night by Night Shelter

The Night by Night Shelter averages 35-40 people each night. They must leave in the morning by 8am with only coffee as their breakfast. Whatever we can provide for their "breakfast to go" is welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Please continue to place items in the box at the back of the Sanctuary.

Summer Worship Schedule

At this time, it has been decided to keep the

11:00am worship schedule year-round.

We will NOT be switching to

a 10:00am service.

Vacation Notice:

Administrative Assistant Sarah

Please be advised that our Administrative Assistant, Sarah, will be on vacation from June 23rd to June 26th.

Due to Sarah's absence, there will be changes to Wesley UMC Office hours for that week:

Tuesday, June 25th:
Closed
Thursday, June 27th:
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Friday, June 28th:
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Wesley Food Pantry-

Giving Sunday

Our food pantry is being hit hard. We don't seem to be able to keep it supplied. We were also informed that NESAP is also very low on food and struggling with supplies. Our Giving Sunday was such a success we would like to do that again on June 9th. Please bring your donations to the service that day. You can put them in the back of the church or in the pantry. Outreach is so grateful for your continued support with this mission. God's blessing on all.

- Wesley Outreach Committee

Special Thank You from Pastor Gary

I want to express my appreciation for the mission recognition pin, presented to me on Sunday, May 19th by Connie Weigel and Linda Yost on behalf of the Wesley United Women in Faith, and for the monetary donation sent to National Office in New York City given in my name. The funds will be used to support their missions and missionaries locally, nationally, and worldwide.

Thank you very much!

Gary

WHISK UP A DRAGONFLY

The United Women in Faith of Wesley United Methodist Church are hosting a craft evening making dragonflies to decorate your gardens and porches.

The event will be held on:

Saturday, June 22 at 6:30pm-8:00pm, in Wesley's Fellowship Hall located at 3239 Carrollton Rd, Hampstead, MD 21074.

The cost is **$15.00 a person** for supplies. Unfortunately, we must limit the number of people to 20 due to space limitations.

Please come and join us! Refreshments will be provided.

Register early so you won't be left out!

RSVP TO:

Kim Peake
443-375-2107
dnjsmom2613@gmail.com

or

Connie Wiegel
410-861-7379
wiecon12@yahoo.com

Christmas Bazaar Planning

We will have a planning meeting for our Christmas Bazaar on **Tuesday, June 4th at 7pm**.

If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please let Vicky Wilmer know.

United Women in Faith

Wesley UWF met in the social hall on May 23, 2024, with 7 members present. Connie presented the response moment. The subject was Juneteenth celebration in Milwaukee, and the part the UWF plays in their parade. We were surprised such a celebration for 53 years was in Milwaukee.

The program was based on Acts 2:42. Breaking bread together as a family and community.

We approved our treasurer's report, and it will be sent for audit.

Linda Y shared our prayer calendar, and it was based on Romans 8:17. Water at work. Clean water in the Dominican Republic.

We will oversee the decorations for our after-church luncheon. We will meet on June 1 at 11:00am to set the hall up.

Janet is sending a flyer to the NCCP for our craft night on June 22nd.

We are going to meet for lunch at Greenmount Station on July 31st at 11:00am instead of in June.

Submitted by Connie Wiegel for Jan Graf

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Pastor Gary Sheffield-James, Pastor Melissa Rudolph, Jan Kurtz, Dave and Michelle Hudgins, Brenda Kennedy, Janet Martin, Jackie Otwell, Brenda Hess, Linda and Jonathan Yost, Connie Wiegel, John Sies

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Gary.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Pastor Melissa Rudolph, lead pastor of the North Carroll Cooperative Parish to which Wesley will be a part beginning July 1, 2024, was present to answer questions from our members.

- **Question:** Will Adult Sunday School materials be provided/recommended by the Parish?
  Answer: Most Adult Sunday School classes choose their own materials.
- **Question:** What Sunday School material will the children use?
  Answer: The Grow Guide provides children's Sunday School material and is found on the website at https://www.nccpumc.com
- **Question:** Dave Hudgins, Treasurer, asked about how and when to transfer Wesley's portion of payment for pastors' salaries to the central account, and if there will be an additional fee for the Parish Administrative Assistant, Aidan. Also, will all parish finance committees meet jointly?
  Answer: The central account is at Farmers and Merchants Bank. Payment is due to the Parish Treasurer, Charlie Castor, by the 8th of each month. Payday is the 10th of each month. Payment for the Admin Assistant will be taken out of our set fee.
  There will be a meeting later in June with all the church treasurers to discuss how to use a surplus in the parish account. Finance and other committees meet jointly around Charge Conference time.
- **Other information:** Wesley can have a page in the parish "Grow Guide." All information needs to be sent to Aidan at the end of the third week of the month. Our Admin. Assistant, Sarah Norman, can continue to create an Announcement page to be inserted into the parish Grow Guide bulletin. Aidan will create the bulletin and drop off the number we think we will need for the month. There will be one set for each month. Church members should save them and use them each week; there will be 4 weekly services included in each Grow Guide bulletin.
  Sarah can create our own sheet of prayer concerns to be handed out each week at Wesley's church service.
- Four churches have part-time Administrative Assistants. There are a total of 8 churches in the parish. The number to call for appointments and emergencies for the NCCPUMC pastors is 833-622-7862 ext. 0 (pastor on call). If it's an emergency, call or text.
- Lawsuit – will go to court in January 2025.
- The parish has hired other clergy resources (pastors/elders) who assist the 3 appointed pastors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Jackie Otwell, Chair, reported the following:

- Used fishing gear may continue to be donated until the end of the month. This equipment will be given to a fishing camp for children in Pennsylvania.
- Vacation Bible School has been paused and will not happen at Wesley this summer.
- There will be a Sunday School picnic organized for some time this summer.
- The Maritime Explorer's Club, a division of the Scouts and Sea Scouts, will be sponsored by NCCP this summer.

- Parish youth and adults help with cleaning up at Camp Harmison. They have not participated in any other work camps. The possibility of reinstating Camp Wesley was discussed.

TRUSTEES:

- Dean has had some members approach him to discuss separating the Cemetery from the Church. The Trustees will meet with the Cemetery Committee to discuss options.
- Due to a rise in costs by Wesley's pest control company, Ehrlich, it was decided that a change of company be made. Excello will begin handling insect and mouse control beginning in July.

TREASURER:

- As of the end of April, Dave Hudgins, Treasurer, reported that the church is in good shape, financially. If anyone would like a more detailed accounting, please contact Dave. The 2023 accounts will be audited soon.

UNITED METHODIST MEN:

- Dave Hudgins, President, reported that due to lack of availability of a number of the men, the May breakfast was cancelled. Dave will poll the regular attenders to see if they want to continue having breakfast meetings during the summer.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. I thank the **Worship Committee** for their hard work in making the Lenten/Easter season meaningful and moving. I give a special thanks to the chair, **Janet Martin**, for guiding myself and the committee in the right direction. **Special Reminder: Wesley Choir Finale will be June 2, 2024**.
2. **A special thanks** is extended to the **staff of the Wesley Christian Education Dept.** for their leadership in organizing and guiding the young people's involvement in the worship service on Pentecost Sunday. The **young children of Wesley** did a fabulous job with their participation and enthusiasm.
3. I want to express my appreciation for the **mission recognition pin** presented to me on Sunday, May 19th by **Connie Weigel and Linda Yost** on behalf of the Wesley United Women in Faith, and the **monetary donation sent to National Office in New York City** given in my name.
4. **Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference** will be held at the **Hilton Hotel in Baltimore – May 29th – May 31st.**
5. **Pastor Gary's last Sunday preaching and leading worship will be June 16, 2024. Rev. Amy will preach on June 23rd and Linda Yost will preach on June 30th.**

OUTREACH:

May 8, 2024

Members Present: Linda Yost, Janet Martin, and Vicky Wilmer

Treasurer's Report: Cindy sent her report to Vicky and reported that all our bills are paid.

- Rescue Mission Meals – Each month Wesley will continue to provide a meal for the Rescue Mission. May's menu: BBQ and rolls, chips, macaroni salad and brownies – Janet will take over. June's Menu: Beans and Hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, bread, and dessert -Linda will organize and transport the June meal.
- Alpha Bottles are now available for filling in the sanctuary and should be returned by Father's Day.
- Janet reported that the Night by Night Shelter needs blankets as well as packaged breakfast items. A container for the blankets is outside of the Fellowship Hall. They are also in need of small shampoos.

Please save them from hotels when you are vacationing. Their numbers have remained high all spring – around 40-45 each night.

- Connie reported that the Wesley Cupboard is in frequent use and people have been helping to stock it with meal items. We may need to have another food drive.
- We will be donating in honor of all mothers of Wesley UMC to the Susanna Wesley House, a shelter for women and their dependent children, and for Father's Day we will be donating to the Helping Up Mission to their camp program for the children of the men in the mission program. Both are in Baltimore City.
- Linda will be reaching out to NESAP in early July to find out their needs for their Back-to-School Drive.
- We will hold our Church picnic on Sunday, September 8th. Outreach will provide fried chicken, drinks, and paper products.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12th at 10am.
Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Wilmer

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Janet Martin, Chairperson of Worship, stated that during the they will again use baskets to collect the offering during the summer months.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Connie Wiegel, President, reported:

- During last Sunday's worship service, the United Women in Faith recognized all high school and college graduates and gave each a card with a gift enclosed; they also recognized Pastor Gary and Jeff Horner by giving each a Special Recognition Pin.
- The UWFaith will meet this Thursday for their regular monthly meeting and will discuss the dragonfly fundraiser.

MEMBERSHIP:

- The church needs an updated Directory.
- Membership information needs to be updated in Servant Keeper

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Linda Yost will attend Annual Conference and report back on changes that are happening in the Conference United Methodist Church. Change is coming.

Jan Kurtz closed the meeting with prayer. She will email the Council to poll them on when the next Ad Council will be.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda S. Yost

Sunday Schedule
11:00AM – Worship

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Riley Kirby Eagle Scouts Court of Honor 4:00pm
2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Regular Worship Schedule **Holy Communion** **Choir Sunday**	3	4 Bazaar Planning 7pm	5 Trustees 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm	6	7	8
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Regular Worship Schedule **Giving Sunday**	10 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	11	12 Outreach Committee 10:00am Boy Scouts 7:30pm	13	14	15
16 4th Sunday after Pentecost Regular Worship Schedule **Pastor Gary's Last Sunday** **Father's Day**	17	18	19	20	21	22 Whisk Up a Dragonfly – Craft Night 6:30pm
23 5th Sunday after Pentecost Regular Worship Schedule **Guest Preacher: Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill**	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 6th Sunday after Pentecost Regular Worship Schedule **Guest Preacher: Linda Yost**						

Upcoming Events:

June 2: Choir Sunday – 11:00am
June 9: Giving Sunday – 11:00am
June 16: Pastor Gary's Last Sunday – 11:00am
Father's Day – 11:00am
June 22: Whisk Up a Dragonfly – 6:30-8:00pm (RSVP Required)
June 23: Guest Preacher (Rev. Amy Lewis-Rill) – 11:00am
June 30: Guest Preacher (Linda Yost) – 11:00am

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

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am – 2pm

Worship Participants for June:

June 2: Greeters — Dennis Rill and Randy Kurtz; **Liturgist** — Wesley Chancel Choir;
Acolyte — *Need*; **A/V Team** — *Need*

June 9: Greeters — United Women in Faith; **Liturgist** — Linda Hollman;
Acolyte — *Need*; **A/V Team** — *Need*

June 16: Greeters — Carl & Ruth Rill; **Liturgist** — TBA;
Acolyte — *Need*; **A/V Team** — *Need*

June 23: Greeters — Jan and Randy Kurtz; **Liturgist** — Michelle Hudgins;
Acolyte — *Need*; **A/V Team** — *Need*

June 30: Greeters — Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl Devilbiss; **Liturgist** — John Sies;
Acolyte — *Need*; **A/V Team** — *Need*

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