

The Wesley Journal

Wesley United Methodist Church
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Our **Vision** is to be a community filled with the **hope** and **love** of **Jesus**. Our **Mission** is to make disciples by growing & learning, worshiping & praying, and serving & connecting.

Rev. Dr. Melissa Rudolph ~ Lead Pastor ~ 833-622-7862 ext 2

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David Stawick ~ Visiting Homilist

Andy Davenport ~ Lay Preacher

Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



May 2025



Birthdays

Ruth Rill	4
Jonathan Yost	7
Cheryl Devilbiss	10
Ryan Baumiller	14
Scott Stauffer	14
Patty Harris	18
Dolores Bennett	19
Bruce Davidson	22
Sarah Smith	26
Alex Myatt	27
Lindsay Baumiller	28
Jim Watkins	29
Henry Myatt	30



Anniversaries

Andy & Stephanie Smith	2
Brad & Tracey Rill	2
Michael & Brittany Watkins	9
David & Dawn Graf	10
Aaron & Lauren Horner	12
Bruce & Judy Davidson	14
Michael & Rosemarie Sichel	15
Brian & Melissa Jones	16
Scott & Davona Palmer	17
Daniel & Stacey Graf	20
Jeff & Jana Zachman	20
John & Brenda Hess	23
Wayne & Cindy Rill	26
Allen & Mindy Dehority	27
H. Lee & Gladys Smith	27
Rick & Laura Waltrup	30





*Our thoughts and prayers
go out to the family
and friends of
those who recently passed:*

*Steve
(cousin of Randy Kurtz)
& Steve's Daughter*

Mr. Kline

United Methodist Men

Tuesday, May 20
At Dutch Corner @ 8 am





Wesley United Methodist Church
 Administrative Council Meeting
 April 23, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Dave Hudgins, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Brenda Kennedy, Michelle Hudgins, Connie Wiegel, Linda Hollman, Denny Rill, Jackie Otwell, Brenda Hess, Rev. John Rudolph

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Committee Reports

1. **Staff Parish Relations Committee: Brenda Hess, Chair**

- No meetings for February or April. Dean Brewer, Trustee Chair, brought to her attention that the church needed more deep cleaning. He is thinking about a cleaning service, maybe twice a year, to do more heavy cleaning that Calvin Lucy, our Custodian, can't get to. Calvin works about 6 -7 hours on Thursday, and sometimes a few hours on Saturday. Dusting of furniture, window cleaning, cobwebs, floor waxing, carpet cleaning need to be addressed. Could get a couple of estimates. Need to decide what needs to be done. Dave Hudgins stated that Trustees should take the lead on either having Calvin do this cleaning or an outside service. Could have Calvin price out the cost for him doing this deep cleaning, along with two other bids. This is being sent back to Trustees to discuss and arrange.
- Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade, our District Superintendent, is having a retirement celebration at Fallston UMC on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

2. **Trustees: Linda Yost, member**

- Trustees did not meet in April. Have had José and his company pull weeds and clean up the gardens. The Scouts will also do some additional garden weeding along with the playground in back and picking up sticks, etc. near the ramp in the near future. Dave Hudgins suggested they weed around the Memorial Prayer Garden.
- Tim Rill will be contacting Gary Wilmer to schedule a time to re-evaluate what needs to be done to the windowsill and framing around the front Sanctuary stained-glass window.
- Jan spoke with Gary and Vicky at church who are in the process of cutting off the bottom of the double wooden doors of the Fellowship Hall so that they can close over the new tile. They have one completed but will need help rehanging both doors as they are very heavy. Gary will contact Dean.
- There is a fan running in the Organ room when the organ is off. Dean will check on this.

3. **Finance Committee: Dave Hudgins, Church Treasurer – Reports available upon request.**

- Dave emailed charts of the church's income and expenses. Expenses are running higher than budgeted due to WIP upgrades. The electrical system for the HVAC has been worked on and issues have been corrected that previous electrical contractor caused. Regular budget income and expenses are about as expected.
- Next Finance meeting is planned for May

4. **United Methodist Men's Group: Dave Hudgins, President**

- Have met in March and April for breakfast at Dutch Corner Restaurant in Manchester.
- Near the end of March, the UMM provided supper for the Westminster Rescue Mission. Some of the men stayed and ate with the residents. During the next few months the UMM will discuss other mission opportunities.

5. **Christian Education- Jackie Otwell, Chair**

- Attendance remains stable at about 15 students each Sunday.
- She again thanked whoever purchased the whiteboard. She uses it every Sunday.
- The students gathered for a group lesson and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.
- Our 4-6th Grade class painted rocks for the Wesley gardens and did some outreach by collecting cold weather clothing over the winter months. Because the Night-by-Night shelter is not taking winter clothing at this time, Jackie will store it in the Sunday School room until the fall. They also worked on a bulletin board in the hallway displaying the Beatitudes theme.
- The last day of Sunday School will be May 18, 2025. The teachers are planning to celebrate everyone's birthday during class that day.
- Jackie also would like the children to continue participating in the 5th Sunday worship services, as suggested by Janet Martin, Worship Chair. It went over very well the last two times. They would greet, take up the offering, and read the Scripture.
- She would like the Teachers to survey the parents for next year. There will be 6 students in 5th-7th grade. They will be in a transition to middle school. Need to decide what to offer them regarding Sunday School.
- Jackie and Linda will work together this summer as Wesley is going to host a free, parish-wide camp at Wesley for approximately 30 children. The theme is "The Best Christmas Party Ever." Like a Christmas in July theme. It will be held July 14-17, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. It will be structured in a similar way as VBS but with a somewhat different emphasis. There are youth helpers available who are vetted and work throughout the summer. We have some of our ladies who have worked in the past at Wesley, but will need more.
- Pastor John added more information: all the camps that the parish will hold this summer will be Christmas Every Day -themed. Will have many volunteers, parish-wide, and everyone is encouraged to volunteer for any of the camps throughout the summer, even if only for one morning. Had about 150 volunteers last summer. Gives everyone an opportunity to serve in a really important way because of working with children and it is a lot of fun. Camps are: Sports, Agriscience, Camp Harmison, Best Christmas Party Ever, STEAM. **Sunday, May 18th – Leader's Meeting and Volunteer's Meeting.**
- July preaching series will also be Christmas.

6. **Outreach- Jan Kurtz, Chairperson**

- Meeting was held April 9, 2025 – 4:00 p.m. (trying out a new time) – via ZOOM
- **Meals** - No one is receiving meals at this time.
- **Easter Baskets** - Our congregation filled 23 Easter buckets and Linda and Jonathan delivered them to Shepherd Staff.

- **Night By Night Shelter**
Janet reported that there is nothing new. Still collecting items. Linda asked if we are still collecting blankets. Janet said she will check.
- **Dove House** - Still collecting until Easter Sunday.
- **Wesley Pantry** – Need is great. Jan asked Jackie if the Sunday School children could bring in some canned goods and put them in the Pantry. Suggested that donations could be for the month of May.
- **New Business** - Pie, Crisps and Cobblers
Will begin advertising and providing an order form on Easter Sunday. Members will make various pies.
Next meeting – TBD (perhaps in July)

7. **Worship: Janet Martin**

- Stations of the Cross – 28 persons participated from throughout the parish!

8. **United Women in Faith – Connie Wiegel, President**

- Did not meet this month.
- Graduate Sunday on May 18, 2025. So far, she has four graduates. Folks need to contact her. Connie and Linda Y. will attend the Baltimore Suburban District United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast on Sat., April 26, 2025 at Emory UMC in Street, MD.

9. **Pastor John Rudolph**

- Our parish has been designated as a Hub.
- Will receive a new District Superintendent.
- There will be summer opportunities to provide fellowship across the parish. Dates to be determined.
- Pastor Melissa and Pastor John have really enjoyed getting to know Wesley and feeling very welcomed. She has appreciated the compliments, love and grace she has received.
- Pulse Team – A couple reps from Wesley. Get together about 4 times a year to coordinate and communicate big events throughout the parish. Linda Hollman and Jan Kurtz volunteered to be on the Team. Dave Hudgins will be the alternate.

10. **Cemetery Committee – Denny Rill, Chair**

- Denny will be removing all flowers from the cemetery that are on the ground within the next two weeks. This is to give access to the mowers.
Asher, the Rudolph's oldest son, was in a car accident on Easter night. He was banged up but is OK, and the other person is OK.

Pastor John closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda S. Yost, Secretary



United
Women
in Faith

The ladies of Wesley UWFaith will be meeting on May 15 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. We always bring our lunch and have a good time together after our meeting. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us.
Connie Wiegel, President



Graduation Sunday is May 18

If you know of a college or high school graduate from our congregation, please get in touch with Connie Wiegel by **May 10!**

Email: wiecon12@yahoo.com

Phone: 410-861-7379



A Message from your...



*The **Weekly Announcements*** are printed on Thursdays. Please provide me with any prayers/events/information prior to that or it won't be published until the following week.

The Wesley Journal news (meetings, minutes, prayers, events, etc.) should be given to me by the 20th of the month in order to be included.

In general and for the most part, if I need to get a hold of you, I will contact you by email, so please check it regularly.

If you need to get in touch with me, please feel free to email me at cktunzi@yahoo.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you all so much!

It's always a pleasure working with each one of you.

Blessings,

Cherie

WESLEY OUTREACH FUNDRAISER
HOMEMADE PIES
CRISPS AND COBBLERS



So Many Delicious Choices:

Apple

Apple Crumb

Apple Crisp

Blueberry

Boston Cream Pie

Cherry-sweet

Cherry-sour

Cream Pies

coconut, chocolate, etc.

with or without meringue

Strawberry Rhubarb

Peach

Pumpkin

Please see the Insert in the Weekly Announcement to place your order!

For questions, contact:

Jan Kurtz @ 443-340-6497

Linda Yost @ 443-605-8295

Orders are due by May 4 and can be picked up on Sunday, May 11 after Worship

WRMLA

Westminster Rescue Mission Ladies Auxiliary

Annual Tea Fundraiser



**Saturday, May 10
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
St. Stephen's Reformed
Episcopal Church
2275 Liberty Road
Eldersburg, MD**

**\$20 per person or \$160 per table of 8
Stephanie Halley will be the speaker**

**For More Information Contact:
Michele Downs
443-985-6839
Judy Andrews
410-299-1251**

**Help support the
Addiction Healing Center**

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 Road
Hanover, PA 17331

John and Stephanie Halley
30 Fitzhugh Avenue
Westminster, MD 21157

Prayers For Individuals & Families

- Joy! Rev. Amy had her chemo port removed!
- Andy Smith's father, Will, is in the hospital and his mother, Sharon, just had breast cancer surgery
- The Kline family whose father passed away after having heart surgery
- The Rudolphs' daughter, Marley, won 3rd place for the triple jump in a large track and field meet
- Randy Kurtz and his extended family as his cousin Steve and Steve's adult daughter Carolyn died in a fire early Wednesday morning. This is the same family that lost several family members to COVID after a Thanksgiving gathering in 2020.
- Linda Yost's brother, Jeff is seeing a new specialist for his breathing issues. Medication is helping and he will have a lung scan and procedure soon.
- Bridget Tozer, Patti Harris' daughter has begun breast cancer treatments
- Cherie Hughes is healing well after hip surgery and was able to attend church on Sunday
- Michelle Hudgins' brother, Allen, who is battling cancer and not doing well
- Janet Martin's brother, Bob, has had a rapid onset of vascular dementia
- Victims & families in Palestine as a result of the recent bombing of Gaza by Israel
- Richard Brewer, Dean Brewer's brother, as he goes through cancer treatment
- Irene Tracey who is dealing with lung cancer
- The Residents and Staff at the Westminster Rescue Mission
- All those who are going through cancer treatments or in hospice
- Victims & families of the war in Ukraine.

NOTE: Prayer requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks, unless another request is received. If, at any time, you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please contact **Cherie, Administrative Assistant** at wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org or call the church office at 410-374-4027. Thank you!!

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM - Fellowship

11:00AM – Worship

May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1		1 Choir 7 pm	2	3
4 3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday School, Fellowship & Worship	5	6	7 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	8 Choir 7 pm	9	10
11 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	12	13	14 SPRC 7 pm Zoom Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	15 UW Faith 11 am in FH Choir 7 pm	16	17
18 5th Sunday of Easter Final Sunday School & Fellowship for the Summer Worship	19	20 UMM 8 am Dutch Corner	21 Finance 7 pm Zoom Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	22 Choir 7 pm	23	24
25 6th Sunday of Easter Worship	26 	27	28 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	29 Choir 7 pm	30	31

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



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

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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday Evenings ~ virtual
Thursday Evenings ~ in office

Worship Participants

May 4

Greeters: Dennis Rill & Randy Kurtz
Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill
Organist: Jeff Horner

May 11

Greeters: Methodist Men
Worship Leader: Jeff Zachman
Organist: Jeff Horner

May 18

Greeters: Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl Devilbiss
Worship Leader: John Sies
Organist: Jeff Horner

May 25

Greeters: Gladys Smith & Barbara Sater
Worship Leader: Michelle Hudgins
Organist: Jeff Horner

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