

# 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 & connecting.

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*Andy Davenport & Linda Raver ~ Lay Preachers*

*Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister*



# February 2026

# February

## Birthdays

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Heather Sater        | 1  |
| Megan Myatt          | 3  |
| Daniel Graf          | 4  |
| Kristen Reilly       | 4  |
| Mason Waltrup        | 4  |
| Alayna Mahosky       | 5  |
| Amanda Hughes Hannon | 6  |
| Jennifer Ejk         | 7  |
| Haydn Schaefer       | 9  |
| Debbie Baker         | 11 |
| Dan Baumiller, Jr.   | 11 |
| Tyler Rill           | 11 |
| Cheryl Hughes        | 14 |
| Jason Martin         | 14 |
| Heather Schaefer     | 14 |
| Sterling Davis       | 16 |
| Patricia Sater       | 16 |
| Gladys Smith         | 18 |
| Jeffrey Graf         | 23 |



## Anniversaries

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Dennis & Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis Rill | 1  |
| Dean & Roxane Brewer               | 4  |
| Ben & Carolyn (Graf) Whetsell      | 11 |
| Patrick & Kristen Reilly           | 12 |
| John & Stephanie Halley            | 29 |



## **Family & Friends to Keep in Prayer**

**(Cards & Calls Welcome!)**

**Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill & Denny Rill**

3674 Stewartstown Road  
Stewartstown, PA 17363

**Shirley Rytel**

15 Pheasant Ridge Road  
Hanover, PA 17331

**John & Stephanie Halley**

30 Fitzhugh Avenue  
Westminster, MD 21157

**Jean Colton**

Longview Nursing Home  
Room 214B  
3332 Main Street  
Manchester, MD 21102



### **Prayers For Individuals & Families**

- † **Davona Palmer's mother, Nancy Gross**, passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for peace & support for the family.
- † **Cathie Rippons**, daughter of Bonnie Christiani, passed away on January 6. Please pray for God's love and support to surround Bonnie, Earl & their family.
- † Pray hard for a world filled with God's peace and the end to violence.
- † Prayers for **Cheryl DeVilbiss' best friend** who lost her dad to a stroke.
- † Prayers for **Kristen Reilly**, daughter of Ruth & Carl Rill, for improvement of her heart issues.
- † Janet Martin's brother, **Bob Houck**, is losing ground due to his dementia. Prayers for comfort and peace for him and his family.
- † **Charlotte Gyory's friend, Smitty** is home healing from his brain bleed, but requires 24 hours care. Continued prayers are greatly appreciated.
- † **Betty Barr** is happy to be home and is receiving nursing care, PT, OT and palliative care to help navigate her current situation. Please continue to pray for her as she adapts to this new care.
- † Continued prayers for **Cheryl & Curtis Gore** as he faces more cancer treatments
- † **Tracey Rill** has completed her radiation treatments and doctors are working on next steps. All the prayers are appreciated.



# Wesley Outreach

## Soup Sale

**Sunday, February 15**

*Beef Vegetable \$12/quart*

*Chicken Spinach Tortellini \$12/quart*

*Chicken Corn \$12/quart*

*Cream of Broccoli \$12/quart*

*Shrimp Bisque \$14/quart*

## How Do I Pre-Order??

### 3 Options:

- ~ Place your order form in the offering plate
- ~ Call Janet Martin at 717-495-7013
- ~ Email Janet Martin at [jh1martin@comcast.net](mailto:jh1martin@comcast.net)

**No later than Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

If there are extra soups, they will be sold after the 11:00 am Worship Service.

A limited number of rolls and breads will also be available for sale.



## Scout Sunday is February 8

The scouts are collecting used items for their auction on  
April 4 @ 9 am–5 pm at Snyder's Auction House

*Please leave the items in the Fellowship Hall in the back half of the room near the double doors or contact them via email: [troop380auction@gmail.com](mailto:troop380auction@gmail.com) or Bob Frey 410-960-9555.*

*Please, no bulky/upholstered furniture, no workout equipment and no clothing.*

United Methodist Men will be  
hosting a

**Pancake Supper**  
**February 17**

**5 pm - 7 pm**

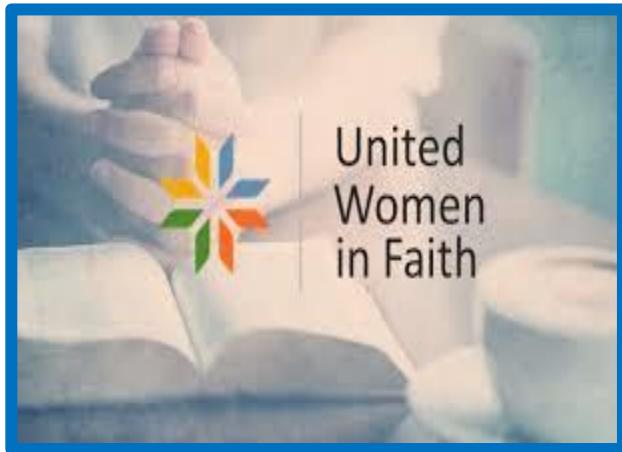
*Free-will donations accepted*

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
Pancake SUPPER**



**Inclement Weather**

In the event church is closed due  
to inclement weather, you will  
receive an email by 8:00 am.  
A message will also be left  
on the church's answering  
machine.



## Wesley's United Women in Faith

Will meet on **February 19th at 11am**

in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting hygiene kits together for the *Night by Night* Shelter.

We invite all the women of the church to join us.

Connie Wiegel, President



### Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting January 28, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Dave Hudgins, Michelle Hudgins, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, Denny Rill, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, Connie Wiegel, Brenda Hess, Pastor Melissa Rudolph

Excused: Jackie Otwell, Linda Hollman

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

#### Committee Reports

##### **Pastor Melissa Rudolph**

- Wesley will host Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. for the parish.
- During Lent, Pastor Melissa will lead a 12-noon prayer service at St. John's, followed by a soup lunch.
- She has been working with all the parish SPRC's to put forth her goals for the coming year. The following are the goals she will work on:
  - She is assembling a parish-wide team of at least six persons as a Malawi partnership, who can oversee the mission and be additional communicators with the leaders in Malawi, so she welcomes participation. There will be a trip to Malawi in mid-August for any of the team who wish to go, to see the progress they have made since their last trip.

- This year she will be participating in the Financial Leadership Academy through the Mid Atlantic Foundation additional learning around financial stewardship and leadership and guidance. She is excited to be part of this cohort.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup> at Emory, Frank Robert from Mid Atlantic will give a presentation on financial best practices and planned giving, legacy giving for the churches and a dinner will be provided.
- Closer to spring, Pastor Melissa will begin having small group gatherings and town halls in all parish churches to check in with church members; to hold discussions and find out what people have on their hearts.
- Pastor Melissa likes visiting informally with people one-on-one.
- She thinks all parish churches have completed their Statistics Reports that were due today, and submitted them to the Conference. She thanked Dave and all who helped him to get Wesley's numbers together.
- She shared with us the composition of a Single Board Model for meeting. In all other parish churches, the Ad Council, SPRC, Finance and Trustees Committees meet once a month and function as one board of directors. Discussion is held and decisions are made by representatives of each area in the format of one board. Members only sit in one meeting versus many per month. On the board level, someone is accountable. Trustees can have 2 specific people – one in charge of property, buildings and maintenance and the other in charge of contracts, insurance and legal issues. They can recruit anyone needed but the decision making is made by the one central committee instead of separate committees. Everyone knows what needs to be done across the whole church. Linda brought up some recent Trustee issues that, as temporary chair, she is having some difficulty with, and doesn't know how the Single Board Model will function in similar situations. Dave gave some examples of how it could work. He reaches out to other people for assistance. He thinks it will be a good thing. Melissa agreed and said that the entire committee can give support in the various situations. Jan said we have to decide who takes responsibility for what. Will need to have things clearly laid out.

Jan had a question regarding SPRC confidential issues. Melissa said that if there are persons present who are not part of the Council, they would be excused from the meeting and then the confidential SPRC matters could then be discussed.

After further discussion, it was decided to table the discussion and have a small group of representatives from Trustees, Finance, SPRC and Ad Council meet to work on a proposal to bring to the entire Council at the next meeting. Could have sub-groups meeting separately and reporting to the larger group.

### **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

SPRC meeting 01/14/2026

SPRC Committee along with Pastor Melissa met for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new year. There were 3 SPRC members in attendance, along with Pastor Melissa.

- Pastor Melissa shared her goals for 2026. She will share those goals at the next Ad Council mtg. We will use these goals to perform her annual evaluation at the end of this year prior to church conference.
- Pastor Melissa discussed the "One Board Model" explaining briefly how it works. The other NCCP churches use this model. Pastor Melissa will be discussing this model at the next Ad Council mtg. Brenda would like to sit in on a meeting of another church parish to see how it works.

- Our committee will need to have new members come on board at the end of this year due to members coming off the committee. Current committee members service term will at year's end, 2026. We will need to fill these vacancies for 2027. She thinks we could use the rotation system again.
- Pastor Melissa will work with Wesley's committee on nominations to reinstate the rotation system to help select church members from the congregation to fill open committee vacancies on various committees. This will help to develop the ministry direction of the congregation and pastor for the future.

Meeting was cut short due to the Zoom meeting only allowing 45 minutes for the meeting.

Our next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Submitted by Brenda Hess / SPRC Chair

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

- Balance Sheet – Year end reports. Opened an RBC transferred some of the checking account to this fund to make some interest income.
- Bottom line – total income exceeded total expenses mainly due to the Employee Credit Retention (ERC) refund which kept us in good shape.
- Income – made a nice up tick near the end of the year
- Expenses – Up from last year, which was expected. NCCP and staff salaries were up from last year as were mission share and utilities. Due to WIP and HVAC, ended overbudget.
- Dave transferred funds to the WIP fund to cover already planned projects.
- The Cemetery is a separate LLC. It would like to use Quick Books and the finance computer. Agent suggested that the church insurance coverage should remain the same. Dave suggested we could charge 10% of our insurance premium and 10% of our Quick Books for the usage. Denny thought 10% is too high. Could have two separate policies. Will be determined later.
- He sent out the Statistical Report to Conference.
- Dave said he would be willing to step up to learn Servant Keeper if someone would teach him.
- The issue is who has administrative access to set up a separate user name and password. Dawn knows her way around Servant Keeper and may have administrative access. Dave will track it down.
- Need to do a full audit. Haven't done one in a number of years. Will be discussed at the Finance meeting. Will decide if we want to do it internally or hire someone.

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

- The group has continued to meet monthly; has had some nice breakfasts. Over the year 2025 has supported Westminster Rescue Mission, Carroll County Veterans Improvement Project, Wesley Food Pantry. Will meet again for breakfast on Feb. 17 and will host the Shrove Tuesday Supper that evening at 5 p.m. until around 7 p.m.

**Trustees: Linda Yost, member**

- Linda asked Denny if he had anything to add to Dave's discussion of the meeting of the new Cemetery LLC. Not at this time.
- May need to check if the Weavers will be shoveling the sidewalks and steps. The parking lot is taken care of by the Lippy family.
- The Scout trailer, which is owned by Wesley UMC, was being used by the Leader, James Kirby, during a Scout camping outing over the recent snowy weekend. When going up a hill, James' truck lost traction on the icy back road and slid backwards with the trailer. The trailer jack-knifed

and went into a tree, causing damage to the back and roof. The trailer also caused damage to James' truck. No one was injured in the accident. State Farm will cover the damage to the trailer up to \$2500. Wesley does not carry comprehensive coverage. An older trailer had liability coverage, but not the current one. The question Linda had was should Wesley carry comprehensive/collision along with liability coverage on the trailer? It was agreed that we should explore the price of both. If not that much money, should go ahead and do both.

- There is a pine limb down in the parsonage back/side yard. Need to either ask someone from church or Ryan (tenant) to cut it up and remove. Or can hire it out.
- Linda is concerned that Trustees needs to add members to the Committee. Need to ask at church.

### **Christian Education- Jackie Otwell, Chairperson**

- No Report

### **Outreach- Jan Kurtz, Chairperson**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Review of budget. approved
- Soup sale-Janet and Michelle will coordinate
  - Date: Feb 15
  - Flier went out in the announcements
  - Soups
    - Cream of Broccoli- Jan
    - Beef Vegetable- Linda Yost
    - Shrimp Bisque- Janet
    - Chicken Corn
    - Chicken Spinach Tortellini-Michelle
    - Rolls and Bread
- Meals – no one at this time
- College Students- Linda will send out gift cards
- Easter Baskets for Shepherd Staff – Linda
  - Easter is early this year
  - We buy baskets and ask congregation to fill
- Night by Night Shelter – Janet
  - Items from parish collection
  - Breakfast Food items-
  - SS class collection taken to the shelter
  - Chili cookoff benefits Shelter– encourage church members to attend
    - Contest for best-anyone can contribute
      - Chili
      - Soup
      - Dessert
- Pantry – Connie
  - We continue to need food.
  - Lots of people accessing it

- Several people are regularly bringing items for it.

### **Worship: Janet Martin**

Worship Committee met last night, January 27<sup>th</sup>, via ZOOM. Had seven in attendance.

- Scout Sunday is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Will ask Scouts to participate in the service.
- Hosting Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- World Day of Prayer, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Will have materials to hand out the previous Sunday. Will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to pray wherever they are. ½ hour intervals.
- Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hosted by St. John's
- Good Friday – no Stations of the Cross. Will do it every other year. There will be a parish service, location TBD
- Sunrise Service on Easter morning at Greenmount. Time around 6:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day service – May 10<sup>th</sup>
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Sunday School
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day Service celebrating our Service members.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Choir Sunday with a covered dish luncheon.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day service
- Graduation Sunday TBD – United Women in Faith

### **United Women in Faith – Connie Wiegel, President**

- Did not meet in January due to so many illnesses within the church and community and the threat of bad weather.
- Will meet in February and will be putting together hygiene kits for the Night by Night Shelter.

### **New Business**

- Jan had been contacted by a person interested in helping the church put on a Flea Market. Do we want to do that as a Flea Market. She has the name of the person for anyone to contact for more information. She will not be the lead on this. Dave asked for the information and he will take a look at it. He suggested creating a small fundraising committee to look at raising funds.
- Received a \$6,000 bequest from the Joanna Beam family. Her funeral was held on Sat., January 17, 2026. After discussion it was moved by Connie put it into the Memorial Fund. Dave seconded it. All were in favor. The bequest will be used to purchase new Altar paraments and a plaque will be placed on the Memorials board in the back of the church in both Roger's and Joanna Beam's names. Brenda K. will gather information on the paraments.

Jan adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda S. Yost, Secretary



Planned giving is the arrangement of a charitable donation that is made in the present but that will be allocated at a future date. Planned gifts are often arranged through a will or trust and can be used to preserve your legacy and support the church and help it to reach its goals even after you have left this earth.

Planned gifts are often the largest donations that a church or other charitable organization receives and have a major positive impact on allowing the church to continue to carry out its vision to be a community filled with the hope and love of Jesus and to achieve its mission to make disciples by growing & learning, worshiping & praying and serving & connecting.

Wesley Church has an Endowment Fund which was begun in 2018 and is designed to receive legacy donations which are continuously invested to generate income. This is an excellent way to make donations that will continue to bless the church for years to come.

Please consider making donations to this fund in your legacy planning. For further information email us at [Wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:Wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org) and consult your estate planner, attorney, or tax advisor. Informational pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

## Fellowship Schedule

2026

February – Membership

March – United Women in Faith

April – Outreach Committee

May – Worship Committee



Kindly provide paper goods, snacks & drinks for your month. Thank you!!



*Our thoughts & prayers go out to the families of those who recently passed:*

***Nancy Gross***

*Davona Palmer's mother*

***Mike League's Mother-in-law***

***Sheldon Levitt***

*Linda Yost's friend & previous boss*

***Cathie Rippoms***

*Daughter of Bonnie Christiani*

***Sandy Caple***

*Of Emory UMC*

***Cheryl DeVilbiss' Bestfriend's Dad***

**Sunday Schedule**  
**9:30 am** Sunday School  
**10:30 am** Fellowship  
**11:00 am** Worship



| Sunday  | Monday    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday   |
|---|-----------|--|--|---|-----------|--|
| <b>1</b><br><b>4th Sunday After Epiphany</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><b>Boy Scouts</b><br><b>7:30 pm</b>  | <b>5</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>7 pm</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</b><br><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship                   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br><b>Finance</b><br><b>7 pm</b><br><b>Zoom</b><br><br><b>Boy Scouts</b><br><b>7:30 pm</b>   | <b>12</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>7 pm</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br> |
| <b>15</b><br><b>Transfiguration Sunday</b><br><br><b>Outreach Soup Sale</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>UMM</b><br><b>8 am</b><br><b>Dutch Corner</b><br><br><b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b><br><b>5-7 pm</b><br><b>FH</b><br> | <b>18</b><br><br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><i>God always forgives us....</i><br><b>Worship Service</b><br><b>At Wesley</b><br><b>7 pm</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>UWFaith</b><br><b>11 am</b><br><b>FH</b><br><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>7 pm</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:30 am</b> Fellowship<br><b>11:00 am</b> Worship  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br><b>Boy Scouts</b><br><b>7:30 pm</b>   | <b>26</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>7 pm</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  |
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## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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

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### February 1

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

### February 8

Scout Sunday

**Greeters:** UWFaith & Scouts  
**Worship Leader:** Linda Hollman  
**Organist:** Jeff Horner

## Worship Participants



### February 15

**Greeters:** Dean & Roxane Brewer  
**Worship Leader:** Jeff Zachman  
**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### February 18

Ash Wednesday

**Greeters:** Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl Gore  
**Worship Leader:** NCCP Pastors

### February 22

**Greeters:** Randy & Jan Kurtz  
**Worship Leader:** Linda Yost  
**Organist:** Anne Chillson

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