

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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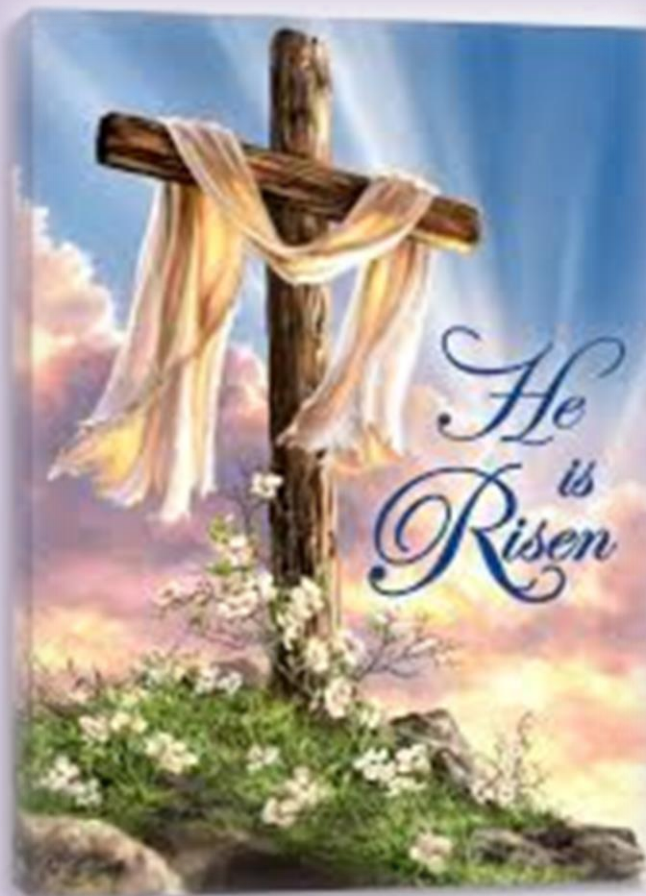
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Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister



April 2025



Birthdays



Irby Cole, III	2
Laura Gast	2
Jeff Horner	2
Diana Crochunis	3
Peggy Dovell	3
Will Otwell	5
Lindsay Zachman	7
Beverly Rill	8
Debbie Schubert	8
Cindy Rill	10
Connor Insley	11
Cynthia Sowash	11
Adrienne Kurtz	12
Linda Yost	12
Cory Waltrup	14
Meredith Smith	15
Kathy Gutierrez	16
Dean Brewer	17
Michael Martin	21
Molly Smith	26
Tootie Harris	27
Gregory Horner	28
Nanette Lishman	28
Kaylyn Phillips	28
Seth Sowash	28
Ken Miller	29

Anniversaries

Gary & Vicky Wilmer	2
Kyle & Amanda Phillips	4
Randy & Jan Kurtz	7
Greg & Connie Wiegel	15
Ken & Fay Miller	15



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Deadline for the May issue of The Wesley Journal is April 24, 2025

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

*Sam Martin
Kim Peake's Uncle Ray
Robin (Pastor Melissa's mom's friend)
Rev. Amy's Aunt
Jeff Doster's Dad
Ron Zuskin*

United Methodist Men

Tuesday, April 15
At Dutch Corner @ 8 am



Thursday, April 17 @ 11 am
In the Fellowship Hall

Wesley UMC Outreach Committee Minutes



March 12, 2025, 6 p.m. – via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, Connie Wiegel, Michelle Hudgins, Linda Yost

Jan opened the meeting with prayer. Between meetings, it was communicated to Jan by the Whitcomb family that a church in their area had paid the entire repair bill on their car. They will not need the \$200 donation from our committee. Also, Shirley Rytel, a relative of a church member, asked for assistance in paying her electric bill, which totaled \$306. Via email, the Outreach Committee agreed to pay this so her electric would not be turned off.

Treasurer's Report

Linda reported that she had reviewed the bank statements and check book entries. She is up to date on the entries and assuming the Met Ed check of \$306 for Shirley will show up as cleared on April's bank statement, the checkbook balance as of March 12, 2025 is \$2,622.70. Made \$185.00 from the Potato Luncheon. It's difficult to rely on our reduced congregation to have a high attendance at after-worship events. It was a nice event. Received \$891.00 from Bazaar. Every month we pay for our Compassion Child (\$43). Linda will pay donations to the Westminster Rescue Mission (\$100) and NESAP (\$125) during this first quarter. In 2025, we will pay out a total of \$1416 to these three organizations. This was agreed upon by the committee. Janet asked if the church would be giving the Outreach Committee some funding. Linda stated that if we ask, they will. It is in the church budget. We will review in the fall to see if we need to ask.

Meals

· Patty Harris has taken over handling meals. No one is receiving meals at this time.

College Students – Gift Cards

- Linda will purchase 12 Amazon gift cards (\$25.00 each) and send them to the college students.

Easter Baskets

- Put out 24 buckets for our congregation to fill. Vicky donated the buckets and Linda will send a thank-you to her.
- Buckets are due back to church by Sunday, March 23, 2025 and need to be delivered to Shepherd Staff by March 28, 2025. Will meet after church on the 23rd to wrap in the clear plastic bags.

Night By Night Shelter

- Janet reported that when she took over the winter items collected by our church that the coordinator at the Shelter said they are not taking cold weather items now. They did take what Janet had and will put them in storage. The Sunday School had been collecting winter items as well for the Shelter. Janet discussed this with Jackie Otwell, Sunday School Superintendent, and the items could be put into storage at Wesley until next year. The other possibility is for the items to be donated to a Shelter in Westminster on Distillery Road. It was originally the Women's Shelter, but now houses families. Night by Night does appreciate the breakfast foods we donate. The chili cookoff raised about \$2,000. We will continue to donate breakfast foods.

Dove House

- During Lent, from March 9 – April 13, 2025, the Caring Parish donation drive for the entire NCCP is for “Bridging Life Hospice Care” at Dove house next to Carroll Hospital.
- At participating locations, we are collecting various snacks and food items. These comfort food items serve as a means of hospitality to the families of the patients entering into end-of- life care. The following snacks are recommended:
 - Individually wrapped cheese or peanut butter crackers, Goldfish crackers (1 oz. packages), snack packs (fruit cups, Jello, applesauce), miniature Dove chocolates, small microwaveable stew, chili, or soup
- Any questions or for more information, contact Pastor Jerry Gautcher at 833-622-7862 ext.4 or pastorjerry@nccpumc.com.
- The Caring Parish Team thanks you all!!!

Wesley Pantry

- Connie said there are donations being brought in, but it is heavily used. During the week it can get fairly empty. There is free food given out in Hampstead in Leister's Park. Dates are on the

Hampstead website. Will ask Cherie to print out some cards with locations so folks can take them as reference.

New Business

- Janet is asking for help on April 3-4th, NESAP closes to change from winter to spring. Maybe could take a casserole to treat them to lunch. Jan will make one and Janet will probably do 2. Janet will find out details.
- NESAP has new hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays they are open until 5 p.m. and Thursdays they are open until 7 p.m. The store is doing very well, but has been heavily hit for food requests.
- Jan will ask if Kim would like to organize a Pies, Tarts and Cobblers fundraiser sometime this spring.
- Janet would like to change the meeting time. There was discussion. Will try 4 p.m. on April 9, 2025, via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 4 p.m. via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Yost



United
Women
in Faith

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**MEETING
MINUTES**

The Wesley UWFaith met on March 20th. We were busy making hygiene kits to be included in the Christmas Children boxes. We celebrated our Prayer and Self Denial service. The theme this year was being God's hands. Our UWFaith presented Rev. Melissa with a \$300.00 check to be used in Malawi for windows for a new building. We will meet April 17th at 11 am.

All ladies of the church are welcome to join us!

~ Connie Wiegel, President



In memory of
Fran Crispin

Saturday, April 5
At Noon

Luncheon to follow
in the Fellowship Hall



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!**



You are invited to an interactive presentation of the

Stations of the Cross



Wesley UMC

Friday, April 18

12-6 pm

and

Saturday, April 19

9 am – noon

In the sanctuary

Please join us to better understand the price Jesus paid for the forgiveness of our sins. Reflecting on what Jesus experienced and His sacrifice can help prepare you for His joyous resurrection on Easter. Everyone is welcome, including children.

April Events & Services

Sunday, April 13

~ *Palm Sunday & Cantata* at Wesley @ 11 am

Thursday, April 17

~ *Holy Thursday* at St. John's @ 7 pm

Friday, April 18

~ *Stations of the Cross* at Wesley 12-6 pm

~ *Good Friday* at Emory @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 19

~ *Stations of the Cross* at Wesley 9 am-noon

Sunday, April 20

~ *Easter Sunrise Service* at Greenmount Pavilion @ 6:15 am

~ *Easter Service* at Wesley @ 11 am



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

- Bonnie Catron spoke with Rev. Harrell recently. He sends greetings and thinks of Wesley members often.
- Mike Enders wife, Pat, is having a procedure this week for cancer on her nose
- Joy! Sophia's tumor has shrunk after treatment and she is back to her normal self. Parents are looking for a clinical trial for continued treatments.
- Family of Ron Zuskin (Cheryl Gore's ex-husband & friend) who recently passed
- Cherie Hughes who is scheduled for hip replacement surgery March 26 is asking for prayer that she can stay infection free and that the surgery will happen as scheduled.
- Brandy, whose mom and dad both have dementia and are living in different cities
- Government workers and all people impacted by lay-offs and programs being closed
- Kim Peake's Uncle Ray passed. Pray for her Aunt Pat and family.
- Rev. Amy's aunt passed. Pray for Rev. Amy's mom on the loss of her sister.
- Ken Tracey, (Gladys Smith's brother) who is in pain and going through treatments
- Janet Martin's brother, Bob, has had a rapid onset off vascular dementia
- Westminster Rescue Mission Women's Recovery Site and for the neighbors to have a change of heart and accept this program
- Victims of the tornadoes, dust storms & severe weather across the United States
- Victims & families in Palestine as a result of the recent bombing of Gaza by Israel
- Chip Weaver is very much improved and no longer needs PT
- 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

April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	3 Choir 7 pm	4	5 Celebration of Life for Fran Crispin 12 pm in FH
6 5th Sunday in Lent Palmer Stamp 1-7 pm in FH Sunday School, Fellowship & Worship	7	8	9 Outreach 4 pm via Zoom Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	10 Choir 7 pm	11	12
13 Cantata  Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	14	15 UMM Breakfast Dutch Corner 8 am	16 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	17 UW Faith 11 am in FH  Service @ St. John's 7 pm	18 Stations of the Cross 12-6pm  Service @ Emory 7 pm	19 Stations of the Cross 9 am – noon
20 Easter Sunday  6:15 am Sunrise Service 11 am Worship	21	22	23 Ad Council 7 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	24 Choir 7 pm	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	28	29 Small Group 6:30 pm Library/FH	30 SPRC 7 pm via Zoom Boy Scouts Wesley Clean Up 6:30 pm	31 Choir 7 pm		

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
Contact Admin via church voicemail or email above

Worship Participants for April

April 6

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

April 13

Greeters: Bonnie Catron, Connie Wiegel,
Brenda Kennedy, Michelle Hudgins
Worship Leader: Pastor
Organist: Jeff Horner



April 20

Greeters: Dean & Roxane Brewer
Gladys Smith, Cheryl Gore
Worship Leader: Linda Yost
Organist: Jeff Horner

April 27

Greeters: Carl & Ruth Rill
Worship Leader: Linda Hollman
Organist: Jeff Horner

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