

# 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 and connecting.

# JANUARY 2025

# Happy New Year!



## *Birthdays*

- 1** Bonnie Christiani
- 1** Barbara Houck
- 3** Dennis Rill
- 5** Kim Peake
- 6** Jan Kurtz
- 7** Bill Connor
- 9** Evan Mahosky
- 10** Donald Lippy
- 14** Zeke Halley
- 17** David Graf
- 17** Tracey Rill
- 18** George Brooks
- 18** Drew Hohmes
- 19** Roy Rill
- 19** Sandy Cole
- 20** Taylor Miller Horner
- 21** Joshua Ejk
- 22** Bradley Rill
- 25** Brady Jansson
- 26** Janet Martin
- 27** Gary Wilmer
- 28** Darilyn Thompson
- 28** Irene Davis
- 28** Keegan Rill
- 30** Scott Palmer
- 31** Aaron Horner
- 31** Charlotte Gyory

## *Anniversaries*

- 5** Robert & Barbara Houck
- 20** Earl & Bonnie Christiani
- 25** Gregory & Courtney Horner

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**Deadline** for the February issue of The Wesley Journal is Friday, January 24

Please email your news to [wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org).





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Rev. Jerry Gautcher ~ Associate Pastor ~ Caring Parish Ministries ~ 833-622-7862 ext 4  
David Stawick ~ Visiting Homilist  
Andy Davenport ~ Lay Preacher  
Rev. Cindy Caldwell ~ Associate Minister

*Flyer information below will be inserted in the upcoming Weekly Announcements*

### **Caring Parish Collection—January/February**

This month's Caring Parish donation drive is for the "Cold Weather/Night by Night Shelter" in Westminster.

At participating locations, we are collecting travel sized hygiene products and cold weather accessories.

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Shampoo</b>     | <b>Hats</b>                |
| <b>Conditioner</b> | <b>Gloves</b>              |
| <b>Lotion</b>      | <b>Scarves</b>             |
| <b>Toothpaste</b>  | <b>Socks</b>               |
| <b>Toothbrush</b>  | <b>Hot Hands (warmers)</b> |
| <b>Soap</b>        | <b>Lip Balm</b>            |
| <b>Deodorant</b>   |                            |

Any questions or for more information, call Pastor Jerry Gautcher 883-622-7862 ext. 4 or email [pastorjerry@nccpumc.com](mailto:pastorjerry@nccpumc.com).

**We are collecting items through Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**



*Our thoughts and prayers  
go out to the family and friends of  
Pastor Joe Dine  
Of Bridging Life Ministries  
And  
Peggy Dowell  
who recently passed*



## MEETING MINUTES

There are no minutes to report, as there were no December meetings for Outreach & Ad Council

Next Outreach Meeting is Wednesday,  
January 8 @ 6 pm via Zoom

Next Ad Council Meeting is Wednesday,  
January 22 @ 7 pm

There will be a Worship  
Committee Meeting on  
Monday, January 13  
@ 11 am in the Library



## Worship Committee

## United Methodist Men



*Meeting Thursday, January 16  
@ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall  
All women are welcome to join!*

*Meeting Tuesday, January 21  
at Dutch Corner  
in Manchester @ 8 am*

## The Humble Arrival of the King

*By Linda Yost as requested by a congregant*

"As we reflect on Scripture, we are reminded that the humility of Christ is not just an historical event but a model for how we are called to live.

**Let us Embrace Humility in Our Own Lives:** We are invited to serve, to love, and to humble ourselves for the sake of others, just as Christ humbled himself for our sake.

**We also need to Trust in God's Timing:** The humble birth of Jesus in a stable, and a manger as his cradle, teaches us that God's ways are not our ways. Sometimes, we expect that God will come to us in grand, dramatic ways, but God often comes to us in the quiet and the humble. This is a reminder to be patient and to trust in God's timing, knowing that God's purposes are unfolding in ways that we may not always understand.

**So let us Live Out the Love of Christ:** As followers of Christ, we are called to lay down our lives for others, to love without expectation of return, and to serve humbly in every aspect of our lives. The humility of Jesus becomes a challenge for us as we seek to discover how we are being called to serve, how we are to humble ourselves, and how we are to love as Christ loved us."

**In conclusion, hear a closing portion from our Bishop Latrelle Easterling's message on Advent peace. And I quote:**

"The story of the birth of Jesus reveals a new world order that cares not just for the privileged, or the few, but for all. This Advent, we celebrate that Christ comes so that all will be redeemed, that all will know love, that all will have daily bread, that all will know equity. That is the good news of peace." Amen.



## 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

**John and Stephanie Halley**  
30 Fitzhugh Avenue  
Westminster, MD 21157

**Cindy Myatt**  
16 Lookout Court  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

### Prayers For Individuals & Families

- Lindsey Baumiller for healing after her car accident
- Chris Hess & wife for success of IVF transfer
- Richard Brewer, Dean Brewer's brother, who is facing a possible diagnosis of pancreatic cancer
- Family & Friends of Peggy Dovell, who recently passed away
- Rev. Amy's scan revealed a tiny spot on her lung. Pray this spot doesn't get any bigger or goes away
- Patty Harris' granddaughter, Layton is doing well after ACL surgery
- Janet, a friend of John Sies has a brain issue
- Family of Pastor Joe Dine (Bridging Life Ministries), who recently passed away
- Continue to pray for Jill, Tina, Christy, Lance & Annie who are battling cancer
- Pastor Melissa's mother Helen, is doing well after her procedure
- Brenda Kennedy's grandson, Michael's father passed away
- Tracey Rill has developed some heart issues as a result of her chemo treatments. Doctors feel this condition will resolve itself sometime in the future.
- Debbie Schubert's sister, Tootie Harris, needs the neck brace for 4 more weeks
- Those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton
- Irene Tracey who is dealing with lung cancer
- Bill & Linda Harris health issues
- 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 & the Middle East



**NOTE:** Prayer requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks. Unless another request is received, their name will be removed. 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](mailto:wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org), call the church office at 410-374-4027 or leave a message in the Admin's inbox in the office.




**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 AM – Sunday School  
 10:30 AM - Fellowship  
 11:00AM – Worship

# January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 Choir 7 pm	3	4
5 Epiphany Sunday  Communion  Sunday School, Fellowship & Worship	6	7	8 Outreach 6 pm Trustees 7 pm SPRC 7 pm via Zoom Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	9 Choir 7 pm	10	11
12 Baptism of the Lord  Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	13 Worship Committee 11 am in library  Small Group FH 6-8 pm	14	15 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	16 UW Faith 11 am  Choir 7 pm	17	18
19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	20	21 UMM Breakfast Dutch Corner 8 am	22 Ad Council 7 pm  Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	23 Choir 7 pm	24	25
26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	27	28	29 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	30 Choir 7 pm	31	

# SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP



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

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Office Hours: Tue & Fri 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Worship Participants for January

### January 5

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

### January 12

**Greeters:** United Women In Faith  
**Worship Leader:** Linda Hollman  
**Acolyte:** Need  
**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### January 19

**Greeters:** Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl Gore  
**Worship Leader:** Michelle Hudgins  
**Acolyte:** Need  
**Organist:** Jeff Horner

### January 26

**Greeters:** Jan & Randy Kurtz  
**Worship Leader:** Linda Yost  
**Acolyte:** Need  
**Organist:** Jeff Horner

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