

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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March 2025

Season of Lent



Birthdays



- 4** Dave Hudgins
- 4** Joan Porterfield
- 10** Carlos Davis
- 12** Jackie McLain
- 12** Michael Watkins
- 14** Carol O'Byrne
- 16** Bruce DeVilbiss
- 18** Fay Miller
- 19** Larry Harris
- 19** Darick Sater
- 20** John Halley
- 21** Jan Graf
- 22** Lincoln Horner
- 23** Sawyer Stauffer
- 25** Andrew Smith
- 28** Bonnie Chatfield
- 29** Mike Hughes
- 29** Steven Novotny

Anniversaries

- 1** Frank & Jacki Grabowski
- 9** Irby & Sandy Cole
- 25** Carl & Ruth Rill
- 27** Steven and Hanne Novotny

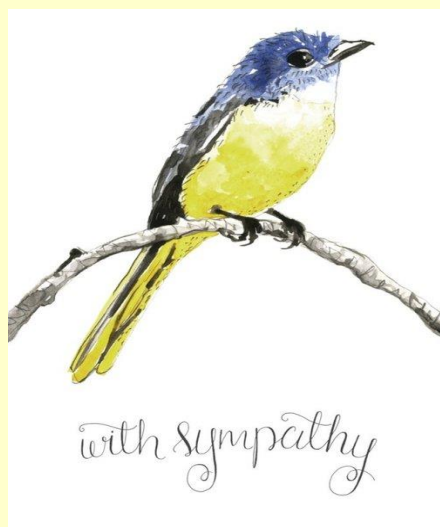


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Deadline for the March issue of The Wesley Journal
is **Monday, March 24**

Please email your news to
wesley@wesleychurch-hampstead.org



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

*David Kehne,
Jim Tracey,
Justin
(a friend of Jan Kurtz),
&
Kristine Conway*



United Methodist Men

Tuesday, March 18
At Dutch Corner @ 8 am



Thursday, March 20 @ 11 am



MEETING MINUTES



Wesley United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting

February 26, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Members present: Jan Kurtz, Dave Hudgins, Linda Yost, Jonathan Yost, John Sies, Janet Martin, Brenda Kennedy, Michelle Hudgins, Connie Wiegel, Linda Hollman,

Jan Kurtz opened the meeting with prayer.

Committee Reports

1. Staff Parish Relations Committee: Dave Hudgins, member

· Cherie Tunzi, Administrative Assistant, had to take a new full-time job, and will be unable to have church office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays. She will continue to work remotely and will print Weekly Announcements and seasonal bulletins on Thursday evenings.

2. Trustees: Linda Yost, member

· Flooring in Fellowship Hall will be replaced the week of March 10th and will take 3-4 days. The Scouts have been told and will meet in the Choir Room and the Library.

· Tim Kyle, of TK Electric Heating & Cooling in Westminster gave Dean an updated estimate for the HVAC electrical work which includes a new breaker box in the organ room that will be moved to a different wall in that room for better access. The electrical fee returned by Todd Smith of CT Smith Electric will cover most of the new fee. Tim Alisea of Alisea HVAC will be asked to reimburse us the remainder.

· Mike Grothe, Electrician, has upgraded the kitchen breaker box and installed a new set of outlets near the microwave and near the serving window in the kitchen. This will allow us to use more electrical appliances without blowing the breakers. He will also upgrade our emergency lighting

equipment as none of the 6 lights are working. He is also installing a brighter light (LED) on the parking lot light pole.

- Renting of Fellowship Hall – Our current non-member rental rate is \$175. Dean wants to jump that to \$300. (Refrigerator can be used but no use of the stove.) Dean asked someone from State Police Barracks with the Fire Marshall's Office to measure our Hall for occupancy. Limits are 199 standing, 93 table seating. Dean will post a sign with this information.

- o Rubber tips have been placed on all the chair legs by the Scouts. Dean replaced the tips in the Choir room. Brenda mentioned that there are other chairs throughout the church that need new leg tips. Linda will let Dean know that we need to order more.

- o Fellowship Hall ceiling has been painted and it looks much brighter. He also replaced some broken ceiling tiles.

- o Will be cleaning up the walls.

- o Jan asked if the light switches could be moved next to the entry door from the hallway. Linda explained it would be difficult as that wall is all brick and would require a great deal of work. It was suggested that a strip could be run along the wall.

- o Will be replacing some of the tables with lighter weight ones.

- Rent for parsonage is going up from \$750 to \$800 per month. Ryan Day, our renter, is aware and will be signing the new contract soon.

- We thanked Donald for whomever cleaned the snow from the parking lot. One of his workers, Wes Mosher, did it on his own.

- The Fellowship Hall furnace was not working over the weekend. Aero Oil, who provides our heating oil, sent a technician on Monday morning. He discovered that due to a mix up with one of the drivers, the oil tank in the basement under the Kitchen had not been filled and was empty. Since we are on an automatic delivery schedule, this should not have happened. The technician primed the furnace with enough oil to allow it to turn on and begin heating the Hall. Later that day an oil delivery was made. Linda discussed the situation with an Aero employee to straighten out the problem.

- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

- Dave Hudgins suggested that the Trustees include a diagram of where the light switches are in the rental agreement policies and procedures.

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

- Finance Committee met on 2/19/2025
- Reviewed the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet from the end of 2024 and the 2025 budget.
- There was money returned from CT Smith Electrical Co. for improper work performed on the sanctuary HVAC upgrade. The money was placed in the WIP checking account as "escrow" towards services required to complete the work properly. I will work with Trustees to pay for the new work required out of the WIP account.
- Next meeting is planned for May. We will meet quarterly as long as this makes sense.

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

- UMM: Met for breakfast on 2/18 at the Dutch Corner Restaurant. We shored up plans for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We discussed outreach opportunities, reviewing our current checking balance.
- Asked all the men to come back next month with ideas of particular missions to support and how to do that.
- We are looking to set a date in March to provide supper for the Westminster Rescue Mission.

5. Christian Education- Linda Yost, Sunday School Teacher

- Continue to follow the KidsX program with supplementation.
- Attendance remains stable at 12 –15 children each Sunday.
- Linda was on a very brief meeting with Jackie and the Sunday School Teachers. This summer we are going to have a parish-wide camp at Wesley, and choose how many children to attend. We decided on limiting the number to 30 children. The theme is "The Best Christmas Party Ever." Like a Christmas in July theme. It will be held in mid-July, 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.
- Our 4-6th Grade class painted rocks for our garden.
- Janet asked about the clothing being collected. She wondered when that would end and who would deliver them. She also asked what type of clothing, and Linda Hollman said the list was on the box: socks, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. These should be delivered soon, during the cold weather.

· Janet also would like the children to participate in the 5th Sunday worship services, the next one being March 30th. They would greet, take up the offering, and read the Scripture. Linda will let Jackie know about this request from the Worship Committee.

6. Outreach- Jan Kurtz, Chairperson

· Patty Harris has now taken over the meals.

· Treasurer's Report – Linda reported that the Potato Luncheon netted a profit of \$184.75. It was a nice gathering and the smaller room helped interaction.

· Will send gift cards to college students.

· Janet gave an update on the status of the new Westminster Rescue Mission Women's Shelter. Updates are being made per the Health Department, and the women and children won't be residing there until late May or June. They are still having trouble with the neighbors. There is a partially shared access road, and a neighbor placed a bunch of stumps in front of the driveway so they couldn't get in or out. They had a camera and recorded which neighbor did this. They weren't going to press charges, but when the police talked to him about it, he was very nasty and the policeman decided to press charges. There is another access road which they could upgrade and use instead.

· Easter Baskets – will be put together for Shepherd Staff.

· Night by Night Shelter – Chili Cook-off raised over \$1700. Jan, Randy and Bonnie Catron attended. Jan offered Wesley as the space to hold the cook-off, as Greenmount UMC's space is limited. This will be discussed at the Caring Parish Ministries meeting.

· Wesley Pantry – Connie

o It's being used, and as fast as it is filled, it is emptied. Dave suggested to announce the need every couple of weeks during worship.

o Janet found a note near the Pantry from a woman who uses the pantry regularly. She feeds a number of adults and children, thanking us for providing food in this way. She also stated that her electric bill is over \$4,000 and she would be grateful for any financial help from the church. The woman left her phone number as well. Janet gave this note to Pastor Melissa who will be giving it to Pastor Jerry.

· Christmas Family

o One of the families had their car break down and the cost was over \$900.00. Outreach had decided to give them a donation of \$200 to help out. As it turns out, the car broke down in front of a church and the church choir members took them in, helped them out and the church paid for the total repair. The family is going to return Outreach's donation.

7. Worship: Janet Martin

- Met on February 25, 2025.
- Discussed Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m. – Entire parish will be invited. Our members should attend. Choir will provide music. Decorations are being changed to Lenten theme.
- Attendance pads – Janet would like them to be placed again in the pews so we know who is attending and those who are visitors. Some members of Worship would like to send out cards to visitors. Also discussed having visitor cards for them to fill out. Still being worked out.
- Would like the Sunday School to participate every quarter.
- Get together for meeting the pastors. May come up with a couple in March. Will look for members to host these gatherings. Could have 2 or 3.
- Directions for Worship Leaders – can send them a digital copy and even laminate one for the lectern.
- Choir cantata will be on Palm Sunday
- Stations of the Cross at Wesley on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, from 12 noon – 6 p.m. and also on Saturday. Entire parish will be invited. Will ask other churches to set up a station or two. There may be help from the Confirmation Class. 9 Stations with one or two persons setting up each station.
- Parish-wide Sunrise Service – will be at Greenmount UMC. Wesley will have worship at 11:00 a.m.
- Easter lilies, hyacinths and tulips will be available to order.
- Will discuss graduation at the next meeting.

8. United Women in Faith – Connie Wiegel, President

- Met on Thursday, February 22nd, at 11 a.m. and did our program, “Being Silent and Still by the Waters with Jesus” and talked about our own special places by the water.
- Will use some of our fabric in the Outreach Closet for a hygiene project for teens to be put into the Christmas boxes

9. Pastor Melissa Rudolph – report read by Jan

Hello everyone, I will have to miss tonight because I now have a zoom with the Bishop as an advocate for a colleague under disciplinary review. Please pray for that situation, which seems very unjust to me. I have just ended a 10-year term as the chair of our Order of Elders and was on the Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Committee, so I am thankful to be in a position to stand with my friend. As a connectional note, I also serve as the Vice Chair of the Jurisdictional Committee on Investigations, which we hope never has to convene because it only comes together when there is a complaint against a Bishop.

Here are some notes:

- First, we are hearing more about these hubs, and I still believe our parish will remain intact but do not yet know if we will have any supervisory additions. I have not had any conversation with the DS about that, but I expect to know more by the end of March.*
- Summer camp season is coming. That is a great chance to share your gifts with the youth of the community. Pastor John has had an organizational meeting that Jackie attended. We enjoy any volunteers who like to come—be it for one morning or for the whole summer.*
- As we enter into the Lenten season, I encourage everyone to participate in special services across the parish. This is a wonderful way to come together, beginning with Ash Wednesday at Wesley.*
- Thank you all for your service and commitment to make Wesley a welcoming community. I spoke with a newcomer last week at the potato luncheon who wants her grandsons to be baptized. This is actually a family who participated in NCCP football but live right down the road. God is doing beautiful things in our church.*

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Melissa

Jan closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2025 @ 7 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Linda S. Yost, Secretary

WRMLA

Westminster Rescue Mission Ladies Auxiliary Annual Tea Fundraiser



Saturday, May 10

10:30-1:00

**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**



**The Fellowship Hall will be
closed to all activities the
week of March 10 - 14 for
replacement of the flooring**



Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4 @ 5 pm

Wesley will be hosting
Ash Wednesday
with Communion
March 5 @ 7 pm





"A Heartfelt Thank You

to Bonnie Catron for years of heading Wesley's Meal Ministry. Thanks to Bonnie, many of our Wesley family have enjoyed the comfort of a home cooked meal and a friendly visit as they have dealt with illness or loss. We will miss your gentle leadership in this important ministry."

Welcome

to Patty Harris, who has kindly stepped forward to continue this wonderful ministry



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!! – John Halley's recent scan shows no cancer
- Joy!! – Tracy Rill has finished her cancer treatments
- Jon & Linda's granddaughter, Addy, for healing of chronic ear infections
- Jim Haralson as he transitions into his new home
- Ken Tracey, (Gladys Smith's brother) who is in pain and going through treatments
- Dian Rowe's granddaughter, Juliana, gave birth to a baby boy, Leo. Both are well.
- Family and friends of Jim Tracey, who recently passed
- Janet Martin's brother, Bob, has had a rapid onset of vascular dementia
- Justin, a friend of Jan Kurtz, passed away
- Laura Waltrup & family after the passing of her father, David Kehne
- Family of Kristine Conway who recently passed
- Joe, cousin of Roxane Brewer, for healing from 5-way bi-pass surgery
- Joan, friend of Linda Hollman, who has cancer and needs to determine next steps
- Westminster Rescue Mission Women's Recovery Site and for the neighbors to have a change of heart and accept this program
- Victims of the California fires
- Continued progress in hostage return and ceasefire in Israel & Gaza
- Sophia is undergoing radiation treatments for brain stem tumor and has the ability to talk & walk a little more
- Dan Graf's friend, Janie Dell who passed away & is missed by the 4-H community
- Makenzie Weaver's uncle, Chip Weaver, for continued healing after ACL surgery
- Richard Brewer, Dean Brewer's brother, as he goes through cancer treatment
- Irene Tracey who is dealing with lung cancer
- Unity in our country
- 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

March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Transfiguration Sunday Communion Palmer Stamp 1-7 pm in FH Sunday School, Fellowship & Worship	3	4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm 	5  With Communion 7 pm	6 Choir 7 pm	7	8
9 1st Sunday in Lent Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	10 Small Group 6:30 pm @ Home of Jan Kurtz	11	12 Outreach 6 pm Zoom Trustees 7 pm Zoom Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	13 Choir 7 pm	14	15
16 2nd Sunday in Lent Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	17	18 UMM Breakfast Dutch Corner 8 am	19 Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	20 UW Faith 11 am Girl Scouts 7 pm Choir 7 pm	21	22
23 3rd Sunday in Lent Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	24	25	26 Ad Council 7 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm	27 Choir 7 pm	28	29
30 4th Sunday in Lent Sunday School, Fellowship and Worship	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
Contact Admin via church voicemail or email above

Worship Participants for March

March 2

Greeters: Dennis Rill & Randy Kurtz

Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Sarah Lewis-Rill

Organist: Jeff Horner

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Greeters: Brenda Kennedy & Cheryl Gore

Worship Leader: Pastors

Organist: Jeff Horner

March 9

Greeters: UWFaith

Worship Leader: Linda Yost

Organist: Jeff Horner



March 16

Greeters: Gladys Smith & Barbara Sater

Worship Leader: John Sies

Organist: Jeff Horner

March 23

Greeters: Jan & Randy Kurtz

Worship Leader: Linda Hollman

Organist: Jeff Horner

March 30

Greeters: TBA

Worship Leader: TBA

Organist: Jeff Horner

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