



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter January 2023



“TANJOOBERRYMUTTS”

Please read this funny story! I guess a person was traveling to another country. The following is a telephone exchange between a hotel guest and room service.

Room Service: "Morrin. Roon sirbees." **Guest:** "Uh. . . Yes, I'd like to order bacon and eggs."

Room Service: "Ow ulai den?" **Guest:** ". . . What??"

Room Service: "Ow ulai den? . . . Pryed, boyud, pochd?" **Guest:** "Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry . . . Scrambled, please."

Room Service: "Ow ulai dee bayken? Creepse?" **Guest:** "Crisp will be fine."

Room Service: "Hokay. Ansahn toes?" **Guest:** "What?"

Room Service: "An toes. Ulaisahn toes?" **Guest:** "I . . . Don't think so."

Room Service: "No? Udo wan sahn toes???"

Guest: "I feel really bad about this, but I don't know what 'udo wan sahn toes' means."

Room Service: "Toes! Toes! . . . Why Uoo don wan toes? Ow bow English moppin we botter?"

Guest: "Oh, English muffin! I've got it! You were saying 'toast' . . . Fine . . . Yes, an English muffin will be fine."

Room Service: "We botter?" **Guest:** "No, just put the botter on the side."

Room Service: "Wad?" **Guest:** "I mean butter . . . Just put the butter on the side."

Room Service: "Copy?" **Guest:** "Excuse me?"

Room Service: "Copy . . . tea . . . meel?" **Guest:** "Yes. Coffee, please . . . And that's everything."

Room Service: "One Minnie. Scramah egg, creepse bayken, English moppin, we botter on sigh and copy . . . Rye?"

Guest: "Whatever you say."

Room Service: "Tanjooberrymutts!" **Guest:** "You're welcome!"

As I am reflecting on four years of my ministry at Ward's Chapel, the only confession in my mind is "God's grace is enough for me." I have worked with wonderful people and the church has been strong even in the difficult pandemic moments. We faithfully supported one another and shared the love of God. However, it does not mean that we had no conflicts or issues. We had some challenges and struggles as well.

But I know the deep trust and understanding, strong faith, and a faithful heart that we have shown each other has made our congregation stronger. I believe a genuine heart and kind attitude has been the most important key in our relationship. Just like the story explains, sometimes we feel limited due to different lifestyles, mindsets, and many other reasons, but I know if we open our hearts and truly care for each other, nothing can separate us from God's plan and guidance. This year, we still have some uncomfortable agendas that we need to work on, but I know we will beautifully handle this together because we know Christian values and experience good harmony as the people of God. So, let's begin our New Year with the hope that our God has given!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose". (Romans 8:28)

Tanjooberrymutts!

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

2022 Annual Giving Statements will be mailed by mid-January. If you have not received your statement by January 28th you can email me for a replacement.

Bill Showman, Chair

TRUSTEES

Over Christmas break, we had the filters on our water softening system replaced. After 20+ years, they needed to be updated. Robert L. Feezer Company performed the needed repairs. While they were not the lowest bid (they were \$200 higher), I believe in rewarding excellent service and loyalty, both of which they have provided us for years.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at wardschapelpreschool@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

Bridget

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

We are so grateful for the MANY donations of food items, money, and gift cards to our Food Pantry. Please continue to check the website for our needs.

Please see the full list on the church website for our regular needs. **Please see below for**

what items we need to re-stock our shelves, plus, the special requests for this month:

- breakfast bars
- pancake mix
- syrup
- tuna
- chicken
- mac 'n' cheese
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- jelly



JANUARY SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- soap
- tissues
- toothbrushes & paste
- body wash
- shampoo & conditioner
- toilet paper

Remember that you can send me a copy of your receipts if you make purchases and that amount can go towards your yearly giving.

Any questions about our pantry, donations or volunteering can be made to Wendy Miller by texting/calling our Food Pantry number 410-756-0665. Thanks so much!

Wendy Miller, Missions Chair

PRESCHOOL

With the holidays behind us, the preschoolers are moving on to winter activities. We always hope that we get a bit of snow so that when we talk about it this month we have an example. That and who doesn't love a good snow day?!

The children will also be talking about animals in winter and hibernation. The Irvine Nature Center will be bringing their animals program to visit with the 2s and 3s classes. They bring small mammals, a snake, a turtle, a huge

toad, a hissing cockroach, and often some kind of raptor (an owl or a hawk).

The Freedom District Lion's Club will be visiting for our annual vision screening days this month. Do you know that according to the American Optometric Association 1 in 4 children go undiagnosed with a vision problem? Left undetected, vision issues can lead to reading and learning problems.

We will be holding registration for the 2023-24 school year on January 10. It's hard to believe we're already preparing for that. We just started this year!

Happy New Year!

Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mitten Tree: Thank for your generosity for the donations for the Board of Child Care Mitten Tree.

Thank you to everyone for supporting The Flying Duck Horse Farm Sanctuary on December 18. Kelly received over \$800 to support the farm animals.

Julie Weller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Ceremony: We will have a new membership ceremony 1/8/2022. Those who do not have membership at Ward's Chapel or were transferred from other UM churches can join this ceremony together. Feel free to contact Pastor Cho if you are interested in joining Ward's Chapel.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray for those who are not able to join us for worship due to health issues.

Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home

Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living

Bev Carter – at home (*at Diane's*)

Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor, **Rm.D-1**

Janet Feezer – at home

Janis Miller – at home

Lulu Karagozi – Lorien Encore

Margaret Hare – at home

Mary Libby Green – at home (*at Jay's*)

Ralph Fletcher – at home

Christmas 2022
A Message from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

I greet you in the hope-filled name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. As we move through the expectation of Advent and into the miracle of Christmas, we come together once more as a people of faith.

The birth of our Savior comes every year, whether we are immersed in celebration and merriment or in the depths of grief and despair. For too many, the latter expression is still prevalent. We certainly hoped that this Christmas would arrive with the pandemic, war and in-fighting behind us. However, emergency rooms remain full with those battling serious illnesses, wars are still raging, and our denomination continues to struggle with the reality that disaffiliations are tearing us apart. Gun violence continues to be rampant in our communities and hatred still blinds many to the inherent worth of every life. And yet, the gift of a Savior is ours every Christmas, with all of the promise and hope and joy that accompanies his birth.

As I was attending a Philharmonic Holiday concert and heard a beautiful rendition of *O Holy Night*, I was deeply moved by the verse, "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices." While this is one of my favorite carols, that verse has never moved me the way it did on that particular evening. On Christmas Day, there is a thrill of hope, there is the entrance of one who comes despite our circumstances to make all things new. Even though we are weary from death, grief and loss, we still have a thrill of hope. How are we to understand this hope?

Henri Nouwen, the renowned theologian, writer and priest, explained the hope of Christmas this way, "the fulfillment of great expectations; it is the remembrance of the most intimate mystery of life; the birth of God in an agonizing world; it is the planting of seeds of compassion, freedom, and peace in a harsh and unfree society; it is Hope in a new earth to come." Mary understood how to hold onto hope in an agonizing and weary world.

Mary was a young woman promised in marriage but not yet a wife. She lived in times when women were without agency and easily shamed if their lives deviated from the expected norms. She was visited by an angel of God who prophesied that she would bear a son who would upright the lowly, quench the thirst of those who longed for justice and feed

those hungry for good things. The child knit together in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit would bring deliverance to all who called upon his name. This was the promise offered to Mary and she received it in faith. The words of the angel filled her with the thrill of hope. That hope remained as she faced the scandal of pregnancy without the benefit of marriage. That hope remained as she traveled over rough terrain carrying a child. That hope endured as she and her beloved arrived at their destination only to be turned away. That hope was secure even as she gave birth among animals in a noxious stall. In surroundings that could have induced her into anger, despair and feelings of betrayal, Mary rejoiced in the fulfillment of God's promise to her.

God's promises to creation have been fulfilled again and again and again. As beautifully written in Lamentations, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'" Beloved, the *thrill* of hope is ours. Our weary world can rejoice because God is good, joy will come in the morning, death does not have the final word and justice shall prevail. A new and glorious morn pierces even the darkest night and brings on her wings renewed strength for the journey.

May you rise on Christmas Sunday morning filled with the thrill of hope. May that thrill be yours, not because all is as you would desire, but because the Prince of Peace is with us, we have the gift of everlasting love, all oppression shall cease and every promise made shall be fulfilled.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling
Peninsula-Delaware and
Baltimore-Washington Conferences
The United Methodist Church

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 Bible Study 10:00 am	5 Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	6	7
8 Holy Communion	9 Trustees 7:00 pm	10 Finance 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 pm (FH)	11 Bible Study 10:00 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am (FH) Lampighter Deadline	12 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	13 4-H 7:00 PM	14
15 Heifer Sunday	16	17 SPRC 7:00 PM	18 Bible Study 10:00 am	19 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	20	21 Food Pantry 9am-11am
22 1 worship service at 10:00 am (no Sunday School)	23	24 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm at Beck's	25 Bible Study 10:00 am	26 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	27	28
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you may contact the church office
where the message will be updated.

Notification of closings and
cancellations also will be emailed,
posted on the church website,
and posted on Facebook.

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