

WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church



The Lamplighter June 2022

"I want to visit Korea this Summer."

One day, my son Won said this. It was surprising, because six years ago, his reaction was the opposite. "I will never come back to Korea!" To a young boy, at the age of twelve probably, fourteen hours of non-stop flight must be very difficult. However, this summer, he told me that he changed his mind. He even wants to invite one of his best friends to travel together. They already explored a popular area in Seoul and other cities on Google maps, and listened to YouTube channels that explain hundreds of fun things to do.

I think it is perfect timing and even I feel it is a blessed opportunity as well. As you all know, my family all acquired citizenship this spring. My wife will be ordained this Annual Conference in the last week of June. And my son graduates this summer and he will move to Nashville, Tennessee. So, this trip will be a perfect chance for us to all have a great family time, and celebrate all things together. Even if we are still worried about another surge of COVID cases this summer and there are so many unpleasant travel regulations especially for the international travel, my wife and I are very excited. Since 2008, we as a family only visited our parents once in 2016, and still miss them a lot. In May and June (the season of Mother's Day and Father's Day) I feel that my heart for my parents and siblings grows bigger and bigger.

At the same time, my heart is not just happy for this family trip. I will not be with you for three weeks. I will miss our summer VBS. (I am sorry, Jacob, Wendy and other volunteers!) and our ongoing Re-formation projects and plans such as Coffee and Cars, and our next Family-Friendly service. I am sorry.

As a pastor of Ward's Chapel, I have always been so thankful for being here with wonderful church members. Our church families and leaders have wonderfully supported me and my family. Especially, our lay speakers generously accepted to lead the services while I am away and the SPRC committee encouraged me to have a great time with my family and parents. I am so thankful for all the loving words and warm encouragement.

I am praying that for three weeks I hope we do not have any pastoral emergencies. Of course, I will leave information for an emergency contact who can back up ministerial help for you. So please contact church office, or Barb Charnock or Mike Blank when you need urgent support from a pastor.

Thank you, Ward's Chapel families. Love you.

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

Please find the latest update near the end of the newsletter.

Bill Showman, Finance Chair

crew from Painting

TRUSTEES

By now, I hope you will have noticed the change in the exterior of the building. We're looking quite spiffy! The exterior of the building has received its new coat of paint, the Fellowship Hall building and retaining wall have been painted to match, the railings have all been scraped and repainted, and the doors have been painted. Andy Pahl (Steve & Estelle Jolly's nephew) and his

Contractors of Maryland did an outstanding job. The roof of the sanctuary is scheduled to be painted in mid- to late-July. It will remain the same color.

In the Fellowship Hall, you may notice that we have a new piece of beautiful furniture (or very soon will). The carpenter who built the storage cabinets and the shelving in the closet has now built us a custom cabinet to accommodate our coffee corner as well as a new bulletin board. Please keep in mind that the top of this cabinet is granite (to match our kitchen ledges) and if you should spill on it, wipe it up immediately.

We will be having the spigot in the trash closet replaced with a keyed model that will match all the other hose bibs on the building. Should you ever need water, there are four taps around the building – one in the latticed trash closet, one on the cemetery side of the building by the 2s door, one in the cove to the right of the entrance porch and one on the street-side of the Fellowship Hall under the gutter and behind the fence. The spigot keys can be found in the

Trustees mailbox on the Preschool level.

While you are enjoying your summer, we'll still be at work keeping the building in good repair. Please let me know if you find anything amiss.

Bridget Wetzel, Trustees Chair

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 with plus the special requests for this month:

- Canned potatoes
- Canned corn
- Canned misc. veggies
- Canned green beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Baked beans
- Boxed rice, mashed potatoes
- Mac 'n' cheese
- Canned fruit
- ielly
- Tuna
- Vegetable soup
- pasta
- THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL REQUESTS:
 - condiments:
 - ketchup
 - relish
 - dish soap

We have some people that come to us with diabetes and we can always use no sugar/substitute sugar variety of items.

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

Please remember to *check expiration dates* if you are donating from your pantry.

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

Wendy Miller, Missions Chair



STAR FELLOWSHIP

It's a SALE! Current Inventory ONLY!

On **June 5**, all RADA knives and utensils in stock will be discounted by \$2! All RADA cutlery has a lifetime warranty.



See Cindy Reisberg to purchase. Thank you.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

You are encouraged to send them a note or call to let them know you are thinking of them and keeping them in prayer, along with those caring for them.

Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home
Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living
Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
Fran Diehl – Brightview Westminster Ridge
Janet Feezer – at home
Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
Margaret Hare – at home
Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living
Mary Libby Green – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Recognition There's still time! If you or a family member has graduated since last June or will be graduating this year, please contact the church office at wardschapel@verizon.net or call 410-922-6556. Please include the name of the graduate, the institution from which they are graduating, their honors/awards and future plans as well as highlights your graduate wishes to share. We will be sharing this information with the congregation on Sunday, June 26 in the July/August Lamplighter.

Reformation:

What is it and where do we stand?

If you've been around Ward's Chapel for even a short period of time, you've likely heard the term "Reformation." I think a short explanation of this term and how it is relevant to our church is overdue.

We live in an age where we are experiencing a universal decline in church attendance worldwide. This has been happening over a period of years, and has only been heightened due to the emergence of the COVID pandemic over the past 2-3 years. In response to this situation, Pastor Steven and the church leadership here at Ward's Chapel raised the question of how we should move forward at our church and make it more relevant not only to our congregation but to the surrounding community. Our goals include not only increasing our church attendance, but to make disciples of Christ wherever we can. The means by which we hope to achieve this constitutes our "Reformation." To this end, we recruited the services of a recognized life coach to help us in this endeavor. We have had four productive sessions with Coach Phil over the past six months and his counseling has been quite rewarding.

Phil quickly recognized that we are already undertaking some wonderful initiatives which are benefitting people not only at Ward's, but also those outside of our congregation. A few quick examples are Food Pantry, our recent auction, and the many initiatives of our Sunday

School youth. We are now attempting to augment these activities with additional ones, notably our recent Classic Cars and Coffee event, and the recent start-up of our Life Skills Power Hour program to reach and help local youth with life skills training. Our Reformation effort calls for such new and creative ideas which reach outside the walls of Ward's Chapel and into our community.

Something Phil encouraged us to do is to upgrade our communications to better apprise readers and followers of the many and various

service activities we are undertaking. A plan to this end is now taking shape to revamp our website to improve its relevance and be more informative to those accessing it. Secondly, Phil encouraged us to stop and celebrate our successes. We will do just that in our upcoming Celebration Sunday on June 26. That Sunday, we will celebrate our Reformation accomplishments in addition to recognizing our recent graduates and scholarship winners. Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion.



Vacation Bible School

Hope to see your child from 9am-12pm on
June 27, 28, 30 and July 1 at Ward's Chapel UMC!

(Note: no VBS on Wednesday, June 29.)

VBS is provided for free but to offset costs,

\$30 per student is a suggested donation.

Registration due June 12.

Questions: contact Jacob Miller at emrillj@gmail.com



Explorer Registration Form

Student's Name								
Parent/Family/Guardian Name								
Address								
E-mail Address								
Phone Numbers: Home								
Date of birth	Age	Last school grade	e completed					
Home Church (if any)								
Friends of your child at this church _								
Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other:								
Emergency Contacts		_						
Name		F	hone					
Name		F	hone					
Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS								
Photo Release: photograph publicly in VBS materials				•				
photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become								
payable to me by reason of such use).							
Parent/Guardian's signature:				Date				
(for church use only)								
Assigned to Explorer Group:								
Are family members helping with Disc	covery on Adventure	isiand? If y	es, wnere?					

<u>Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month</u> is observed in June as an opportunity to spread the word about and discuss Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Throughout the month, the Alzheimer's Association encourages people around the globe to support the movement by wearing purple and

training their brains to fight the disease.



MORE THAN NORMAL AGING: UNDERSTANDING MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

More than

80%

of Americans know little or are not familiar with mild cognitive impairment (MCI)

An estimated

10-15%

of individuals with MCI develop dementia each year

About

1/3

of people with MCI develop dementia due to Alzheimer's disease within 5 years Over

50%

of all Americans say MCI sounds like "normal aging"

42%

of Americans say they worry about developing MCI due to Alzheimer's disease Physicians and MCI

90%

say it's important to diagnose MCI due to Alzheimer's

However, over 1/2 say they are not fully comfortable diagnosing it

96%

say it's important to assess patients aged 60 and older for cognitive impairment

Yet assessments are conducted for just 1/2 of their patients

What is MCI?

Mild cognitive impairment is an early stage of memory loss or other cognitive ability loss in individuals who are able to perform most activities of daily living. MCI can be an early stage of the Alzheimer's disease continuum if the hallmark changes in the brain are present.

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Continuum

Mild Cognitive Dementia Due to AD Dementia Due to AD Dementia Due to AD Preclinical AD Impairment Due to AD No symptoms but Very mild symptoms Symptoms interfere. Symptoms interfere Symptoms interfere possible biological that may not interfere with some every day with many everyday with most everyday changes in the brain with everyday activities activities activities activities



2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures



seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia

Over 11 million Americans

provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias



These caregivers provided more than 16 billion hours valued at nearly

\$**272**

billion



Between 2000 and 2019, deaths from heart disease have

decreased

7.3%

in 2020, COVID-19 contributed to a in Alzheimer's and dementia deaths

It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer

combined

In 2022, Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the nation

\$321

By 2050, these costs could rise to nearly

\$1 trillion

while deaths from Alzheimer's disease have

increased

145%

More than 80% of Americans know little or are not familiar with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which can be an early stage of Alzheimer's.

Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund Year to Year Comparison as of April 2022

YTD Financial Summary:

Offering amounts for the first four months are trending close to the prior year and other donations are ahead of the previous year due to Preschool in session and paying \$750 per month.

Expense amounts overall are trending as anticipated with a 2% increase over the prior year.

However, utility expense is running 37% higher but this is offset by grounds maintenance expense.

	Apr YTD Amounts							
	2021		2022		Incr/(Decr)			
Total Gifts (sources):						2021 to 2022		
Offering	\$	72,688	\$	71,809	\$	(879)	-1%	
Other Donations (note 1)	\$	3,750	\$	6,750		3,000	44%	
Total Support to Operating Fund	\$	76,438	\$	78,559	\$	2,121	3%	
Expense:								
Blding/Grounds	\$	17,675	\$	18,515	\$	840	5%	
Ed./Ministry	\$	2,446	\$	2,278	\$	(168)	-7%	
Apportionments	\$	12,405	\$	11,831	\$	(574)	5%	
Pastoral/Staff/Office	\$	56,082	5	57,365	\$	1,283	2%	
Total Expense	\$	88,607	\$	89,989	\$	1,381	2%	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(12,169)	\$	(11,430)				
Available Cash on Hand				41,489				

note 1 - other donations consist of Preschool funding of \$750 per month while school is in session, Parsonage Endowment of \$3,750 at the end of each quarter, R W Feezer Foundation annual gift and other one time gifts.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM Alchoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	3	4
5 Summer Worship Schedule begins. One service at 10:00 am.	6	7	Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am	Feed My Sheep @ 10am-1pm at WFUMC Alchoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	10	11
12	13	14	15 Lamplighter Deadline	Alchoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	17	Food Pantry 9am-11am
19 Heifer Sunday	20	21	22	Alchoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	24	25
26 Celebration Sunday Graduate Recognition Scholarship Recipient Recognition Re-Formation Initiatives		Vacation Bible School 9am - 12 pm Star Fellowship at 6 pm at Bullock's	29	Vacation Bible School 9am - 12 pm Alchoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	31 Vacation Bible School 9am – 12 pm	

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Summer Schedule June 5 – Sept 11

10:00 am Worship

followed by fellowship & refreshments in the Narthex