



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter May 2022



Easter, a great turnout!

What a cold morning it was! We had a SON-RISE service at the cross in the cemetery on Easter at 6:30 am. About 40 people did not forget to rise early in the morning to celebrate the moment that our Lord rose from death. Faithful youth members and teachers prepared the service and we really enjoyed it, everything was the same as I remembered. We could see the lovely shining sun was rising, the lonely cross was standing there, as it seemed to remember the day that Jesus was suffering there. The faithful people of God gathered again to praise the name of the Lord. It was a wonderful moment to begin our Easter day celebration. Everything was perfect except the weather. It was a cold morning.

This year, I feel something different. Our spring is still strangely chilly, and today, in the last week of April, I still see the weather forecast, alerting us to 34-35 degrees in the morning next week. Moreover, personally, I experience harsh allergy reactions. My throat is swollen, my eyes are itchy, and at night I cannot sleep well due to a never-ending cough. Cough drops are not working, and the medications seem useless. Many nights I have to try sleeping in the recliner. Then suddenly I was confused if it was my seasonal allergy that simply got worse this year, or I've got a new unknown variant of the COVID virus.

I had to make an appointment at the test location. Fortunately, it was from an allergy reaction, not COVID. (Thank God!) However, the strange thing was there were no long lines or coughing people in the waiting area. I remembered last November, during the Thanksgiving week, I was there at the same facility and waited almost six hours. But this time, there was not a single person waiting. Maybe we have almost overcome this virus.

Spring always brings us hope. We have new signs of life. Trees, flowers and even grasses prepare to show us their life that has been hidden during winter. Yes, now it is time to blossom again. That's why we love the spring season. Our church also shows new signs of life. We had a good turnout during Easter, and the first Family-friendly service was successful. We have new initiatives, regarding our prayer meeting, Coffee and Cars, family events, as well as our existing missions and ministries. As a minister and one part of our church community, I am so excited to see these events and celebrations. It will bring new life to our church and community again.

Remember, in every season of hope, God has promised the same message, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3)

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

The Operating Fund offering and expenses are trending as expected for the first three months of 2022 with no issues or concerns.

Each committee has an annual budget and purchases are controlled by the committee chairperson and charged to that line item. Office supplies and purchases are controlled and approved by Clarice and charged to the office line item. Any other purchases must be approved before the purchase can be made by either the chairperson of Trustees (Bridget) for infrastructure improvements or upgrades. All other purchases must be approved by Bill Showman (Finance chairman) or Lisa Barry (Treasurer).

Bill Showman, Finance Chair

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### TRUSTEES

The Trustees will be meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are pleased to welcome Gordon Ruff to the committee as of April. Gordon has agreed to add his expertise and opinions to the Trustees for the betterment of our church building. Thank you for your service, Gordon!

The gutters around the Fellowship Hall building have been (or will be) replaced recently. Steven Pocklington of Diamond Home Remodeling (Eldersburg) donated the time and materials to make sure that the drainage for the building was in proper order. They also repaired the downspout on the east end of the building. Steven and Samantha (nee Duvall) Pocklington's son, Kal-el, will be attending the Preschool in the fall. Sam was confirmed at Ward's Chapel and we hope that they will be attending church once they move back to the area.

Once the weather has stabilized, painting on the exterior of the entire building will begin later this month. The peak above the Sanctuary's front doors needs some TLC, all the trim will be scraped and repainted, and the Fellowship Hall will be painted to match the rest of the building. The roof of the Sanctuary will receive a new coat of special paint to protect it.

Although we are constantly taking care of small things inside the building that you may not always notice, this painting project will be visible and noticeable to all!

Bridget Wetzel, Trustees Chair

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## 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 needs for this month:

- Breakfast bars
- Tuna
- Vegetable soup
- *THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL REQUESTS:*
  - condiments:
    - ketchup
    - mustard
    - mayo
    - relish

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 by texting/calling our Food Pantry number 410-756-0665. Thanks so much!

Wendy Miller, Missions Chair



### **PRESCHOOL**



I can't believe that this school year is already at a close. Science proves that as we age time appears to speed up based on our experiences and amount of what we have to think about, and this year has been a perfect case study in that theory. I honestly feel as though we just began the new year.

Looking at the children though, I can see that that really isn't the case. The children have absolutely blossomed in the past nine months. They were finally able to experience playing with peers and freedom from the stress and anxiety of COVID concerns. No distance learning, parent-led project, or Zoom meeting can replace the cognitive, social, and emotional growth that in-person play allows.

The staff worked very hard at maintaining clean and healthy environments for our children. We were fortunate that we only had two closure incidences due to the coronavirus. We also allowed the children much more free time this year to just play and socialize. I think this made the transition from being at home with (sometimes) little structure to a school atmosphere a less stressful situation for the students.

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is looking positive. We currently have as many students enrolled for next year as we currently have. That number will surely go up over the summer, so I feel very optimistic about the upcoming school year.

I hope we all have a blessed and peaceful

summer!  
Fondly,  
Ms. Bridget

P.S. Want to learn more about the theory of time speeding up as we age? Check out this Psychology Today article:  
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/think-well/202011/why-time-goes-faster-we-age>

Fondly,  
Ms. Bridget, Director



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Sunday, May 15 is the last day for the youth Sunday School classes.

Thank you to all families who participated in Sunday School this year. The teachers are blessed to have been part of your child's faith journey. We are proud to have made new friends and learned many Bible stories, in addition to the books of the Bible and the Disciples. We also participated in two Family Activities, served others through monthly birthday cards for Board of Child Care, placed cards on the congregants' cars, provided Christmas Bags for Seniors through Shepherd's Staff, made Valentine Bags for Chapel Hill Nursing Home, made Valentines for Arden Courts, packed Easter Baskets for Shepherd's Staff, and cleaned up at the Flying Duck Sanctuary. We will see you again for Sunday School in September!

Julie Weller, Education Coordinator

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## **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 of encouragement 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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Donations for Ukraine:** To date we have collected \$1485.00 for **UMCOR** for relief in Ukraine. The Missions team is matching dollar for dollar up to \$2,000. You can still donate at any time. Please make your check payable to the church and note Ukraine on the memo line. Thanks again for your support.

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**Altar Care:** Volunteers are needed to provide the Communion Elements, bread, and grape juice, for the 8:30 am and 11 am services.

If you are interested in learning more about helping to care for our altar cloths and Communion elements, please contact Lisa Ruff. Thank you!

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**Summer Camp:** The summer camps at West River and Manidokan have released their schedules. You can find this schedule and the online address for applying to these camps in the narthex and in the Preschool lobby of the church.

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**Help us celebrate:** We want to celebrate the great things the people of Ward's Chapel are doing in our community! If you are involved in an activity at Ward's Chapel, please send any photos and a short description to the church office so that we can post to the church website and social media accounts. Please be mindful of including photos of minors as their parents may not want their images on public social media.

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### **Easter Memorial Donation**

A donation was made in loving memory of:

Emma M. & Walter H. O'Dell  
Vin & Winifred Carey  
Myrtle & Fred Hoeltzel  
Willard Hoeltzel  
by Luther & Jean Shepherd

# May 2022

| Sunday                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                              |
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| <b>1</b><br><i>Sunday School</i><br><i>Muffin Sale</i><br><br>Nurture mtg. 12:00 pm<br><i>(adult SS room)</i> | <b>2</b><br><br><b>Trustees 7:00 pm</b>                                             | <b>3</b>                                                             | <b>4</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                                   | <b>5</b><br><br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                  | <b>6</b><br><br>9am - 1 pm<br>Auction set-up                                               | <b>7</b><br><b>Missions Auction</b><br>Doors open 12:00 pm<br>Bidding starts 1:00 pm  |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                      | <b>9</b>                                                                            | <b>10</b><br><br>Finance 6:30 pm<br><br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm FH | <b>11</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (upstairs)<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lamplighter</b><br><b>Deadline</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>Feed My Sheep @<br>Wesley Freedom UMC<br>10-1<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | <b>13</b><br><br>4-H 7:00 PM                                                               | <b>14</b>                                                                             |
| <b>15</b><br><b>Heifer Sunday</b>                                                                             | <b>16</b>                                                                           | <b>17</b><br><br>SPRC 7:00 PM                                        | <b>18</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                                  | <b>20</b><br><br><i>Sunday School</i><br><i>Container Gardening</i><br><i>6:30 pm (FH)</i> | <b>21</b><br><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am                                              |
| <b>22</b>                                                                                                     | <b>23</b>                                                                           | <b>24</b><br><br>Star Fellowship<br>6:00 pm<br>at Captain Dan's      | <b>25</b><br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                                  | <b>27</b>                                                                                  | <b>28</b>                                                                             |
| <b>29</b>                                                                                                     |  | <b>31</b>                                                            |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |  |

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**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
**DOORS OPEN - 12:00 PM**  
**BIDDING BEGINS - 1:00 PM**

Come on out, join the fun, and get some great deals!

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## **ANNUAL AUCTION**

*All proceeds benefit our mission  
work with  
Camp Hope, Baltimore County  
Christian  
Workcamp, Volunteers in  
Mission,  
and other local and global  
ministries.*

**Soup,  
sandwiches,  
snacks, and  
dessert available  
for purchase**



**Only \$2 to bid  
or  
bring 2 or more  
items for our  
Food Pantry.**

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