



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter September 2022



"I am Forrest, Forrest Gump."

Tom Hanks repeated this line, in the movie, "Forrest Gump." This is one of my favorites, not only because of the great actor, but the storyline touched my heart when I watched this movie for the first time. People used to call a man like him inappropriate terms, and would use disrespectful language. In this movie, Forrest suddenly ran. He was running for a reason that no one knew. He ran and ran and ran. Why? Was there a reason? A reason to run? Or to run away from something?

The Sunday we invited one of our dearest pastors, Don Burgard. It was like a reunion Sunday. Everybody seemed very happy and excited to see him again. I saw smiles, giggles, and loving hugs. Then suddenly one church member asked me,

"How are you?"

I answered, "I run."

Yes, just like Forrest Gump, I began running again. I used to run and it was my favorite thing, however, I had to stop due to the constant pain. Something was not right. The side of my little toe really hurt, and I could not run. But now I feel better, and I think I had enough rest so I can run again. Now, every day I run 5 miles and my short-term goal is to reach 10K at the end of my break.

Some church members may wonder, why does Pastor Steven need another break, because he just came back from his family trip? Yes, I did. I had a wonderful time with my family in Korea and it was a great family reunion. But there is a bit of a different point to this break and also a personal concern. I started my seminary training in 1992, and now this year marks thirty years of ministering. My life has been busy and my ministry has made me kind of rush. Then suddenly a strange question came into my mind this summer: "Am I doing right?" Hmm, I could not answer because I don't know about it.

One day, I had lunch with Pastor Don at Oscar's Alehouse. Then he chuckled and said, "Another fifty years?" "Oh, no, no. I mean, another fifteen years!" I need to plan another fifteen years before my retirement, and I feel like I need to re-align my way, my ministerial styles, my self-development, and my self-care, but most of all, I had to answer this critical question, "Am I doing right, here in Ward's Chapel?"

So, please do not be frustrated due to my extra ministerial break. I promise I will come back with a fresh mind and new energy so that as a minister of this loving congregation, I can faithfully serve you and take care of your spirit better. Also, I will accomplish my running goal, 10k this fall by the time I come back to you.

Again, thank you for all the support that you have shown, and especially, I thank you Barb, Charlie, and Mike for your leadership, and worship leaders, preachers, and everyone who serves and participates in our Sunday worship thank you for your love and patience. I will come back soon!

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1b)

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

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

Bill Showman, Chair

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### TRUSTEES

Over the summer, the Trustees have been busy keeping up the building and grounds.

- Cement repair at the east side stairs and the alcove to the left of the sanctuary stairs.
- Drain and slope reconfiguration of the base of the ramp on the west side handicapped lot along with the addition of a new step to help divert water runoff from the parking lot.
- Removal and build-out of the 4s preschool room wall on the west side because of mold. The wall was only glued to the plaster during construction that caused condensation to build up. The new wall has been insulated to prevent extreme temperature differences between the stone exterior and the sheetrock interior wall.
- Leveling off the floor along the west wall of the 4s preschool classroom.
- Repair of the lower convection oven in the church kitchen
- Bi-annual kitchen inspection by Balto. Co. Dept. of Health.
- A bit of landscaping to pull weeds and new mulch will be coming soon. During growing months, the landscaping will be attended to at least once a month by Premier Landscaping & Lawn Services.

On our list of to do items are:

- Carpet cleaning in the narthex.
- The sanctuary roof will be painted as soon as it gets cooler.

The Trustees are scheduled to meet in September and we will let you know any additional projects that come about!

Bridget

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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, plus, the special requests for this month:**

- Baked beans
- Kids' cereals
- Boxed milk
- Coffee
- Canned fruit
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper
- *September's SPECIAL REQUEST:*
  - pre-packed snacks for lunches

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

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PRESCHOOL



It's hard to believe that we're gearing up for the 42nd year at the Preschool!

As of mid-August, our enrollment is still quite low with only 65 children enrolled. It was only a few years ago that we

had 110 students with all of our classes filled to capacity. Between the economy and the pandemic, we're wondering if parents are reluctant to enroll their children in the dispensable luxury of preschool. Whatever the reason, we continue last year's trend of operating at a deficit each month. Despite this temporary downturn, we strive to maintain our reputation as one of the best preschools in the area for those families that we do reach.

Normally, the month of September finds the children adjusting to the routines of preschool. It's been a challenge for our students to adjust from years at home with their families to staying for hours with new adults and peers but young minds are flexible, fortunately, and they adjust in due time. In addition to learning about the routines of preschool, the children will explore how God makes everyone special and apples this month.

I'm looking forward to a much easier year than the 21-22 school year. I hope that I haven't jinxed us by saying that!

Fondly,
Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day: Rally Day is back! Our last single service is September 11, followed by the Rally Day picnic. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship! We will provide the chicken and beverages, and we ask you bring a side dish or dessert to make our meal complete.

Sunday School: The following Sunday, September 18, we will begin our new Sunday School year between services at 9:45. We have Sunday School classes for preschool through adult, so please join us as we serve God and continue our faith journey.

Girls' T-shirt Collection - A box will be in the Narthex year-round for gently used or new girls' short and long-sleeved t-shirts, size 4 through 10/12. Our local contact for Operation Christmas Child makes dresses from the t-shirts and donates them to the Westminster mission and women's shelter.

Any questions, please contact me .
~Julie Weller

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
Janet Feezer – at home
Janis Miller – at home
Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
Margaret Hare – at home
Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living
Mary Libby Green – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day

September 11

One worship service at 10:00 am
Followed by the church picnic.
Come join us for fun, food and fellowship!

First Day of Sunday School

September 18

Worship at 8:30 am & 11 am
Sunday School between services at 9:45 am.

Roast Beef Supper

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 8 will be the 53rd Annual Roast Beef Supper. Family-style eat-in and take-out!

We will need donations for the Bake Table! Can you help?

Contact Sharon Cowart at 410-795-4538.

We will need assistance on the following dates if you are available. Many hands make light work!

- APPLESAUCE: Thursday, September 29 – 12:00 p.m.
- TABLE SET UP: Thursday, October 6 – 1:30 p.m.

- POTATO PEELING: Friday, October 7 – 12:00 p.m.
- ROAST TRIMMING: Saturday, October 8 – 8:00 a.m.
- SERVING HELPERS: Saturday, October 8 – 3:30-7:30 p.m. or whatever time you can spare! Adults and youth welcome!

Please email Bridget at wardschapelpreschool@gmail.com if you can lend a hand.

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Author Luncheon: The Woman's Club of Glyndon is hosting a luncheon on Sat., Oct. 8 at 11:30 at the Emory Grove Hotel featuring the author Shelley Howell. Ms. Howell has written two books about "Dining Down Memory Lane". She will showcase restaurants from the 60's through the 90's during her power point presentation. Tickets are \$30 and you may choose from the following lunch selections: Tuna Salad Sandwich, Roast Beef Sandwich, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Greek Salad. Lunch include: chips, dessert and a beverage of your choice: Diet Coke, Sprite, Iced Tea, Water. Contact Carol Parker before Sept. 30 if you are interested.

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News from Around the Conference

Smith Island begins recovery after tornado

Posted by on Aug 11, 2022

Following any disaster, there are three prescribed steps and stages: relief, recovery, and rebuilding, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) reports. But with the tornado that hit Smith Island, Md., on Aug. 4, a new stage opened up - access. Smith Island is a remote island, 12 miles off the town of Crisfield. It can only be accessed by boat or helicopter. About 250 people, many of whom are fisherman and crabbers, live on the island, where there are three United Methodist churches.

On the evening of Aug. 4, a waterspout, which was categorized as an EF-1 tornado when it passed over land, hit the island. Initial damage reports indicate that 17 homes were damaged, some significantly. An historic inn was also severely affected and the livelihood of many of the watermen on island was impacted. Almost a week after the storm, insurance adjusters had not yet assessed the extent of the damage, leading to delays in clean-up efforts.

However, "Smith Islanders are resilient people. Smith Island has been damaged several times, by hurricanes, wind storms, and flooding," said the Rev. D. Richard Walton, Sr., the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Disaster Coordinator.

To help in the recovery at this time, only monetary donations are being received, Walton said. "As soon as assessments of damages are finished, we will be ready to request groups to assist in the recovery. Several places are being readied for overnight accommodation for work teams - one on the island and one in Crisfield." While community leaders are confident they will weather this storm's destruction, recovery efforts will be complicated by accessibility. One small example, said Pastor Emmanuel Johnson, is that they have to get the debris off

the island, and all that needs to be coordinated. "It can be complicated."

Emanuel Johnson, who pastors Shiloh and John Wesley UMCs in Crisfield, where many of the boats leave to go over to Smith Island, is a member of the [Eastern Shore Long Term Recovery Committee](#) of the Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Several months ago, on Oct. 29, there was flooding in the region, nine years to the day from Hurricane Sandy. "I lost my car in that flooding," said Johnson, who had only been at the church nine months. "It was my baptism to living in a low-lying area."

On Smith Island, following the most recent storm, in addition to the destruction of homes, the 100-year-old Tyler Family Bed and Breakfast had its roof completely ripped off. A fuel dock was also reported damaged, and many boats were capsized. There were no reports of serious injuries as a result of the tornado.

Those wishing to contribute to recovery efforts on Smith Island can send checks, marked "Disaster Relief," to the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center at 139 North State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. At the most recent meeting of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference, Calvary, Ewell and Union UMCs, the three churches on Smith Island, requested to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. That request was approved and Calvary, Ewell, and Union UMCs have begun the process of leaving the denomination. However, Conference leaders report being confident that the connectional spirit that allows for on-going relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts will continue.

From News & Views from the BWC website:
<https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/smith-island-begins-recovery-after-tornado/>

Justice and Healing for Native American Children

Posted by on Aug 08, 2022

The Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conference Committees on Native American Ministries invite United Methodists to observe a special time of prayer and action from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, as they remember the atrocities associated with tribal children once taken from their families and placed in boarding schools.

"Justice for our Children: Healing for Our Communities" is the theme of this year's observance, which pays particular attention to those children who died at the schools and whose bodies were buried far from their homes. The observance also marks the "spiritual deaths" of hundreds of Native children whose culture and spirituality were taken from them.

Information about this dark chapter of history can be found at <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>.

During the week this year, Sept. 30 is the official National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools. Oct. 6 has also been designated as a Day of Remembrance because on that day, in 1879, General Richard Pratt took children from First Nations and opened a boarding school in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The observance, sponsored by the [Native American International Caucus](#), is illustrated by art made by Paige McNatt from the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe. Churches are welcome to use this art to raise awareness of the need for justice, and healing, even today.

The Caucus also recommends a number of other activities for churches to raise awareness.

For more info please see:

News & Views from the BWC website at:

<https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/justice-and-healing-for-native-american-children/>

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>PICNIC Sunday, September 11 following worship</p>		<p>Fall Worship Schedule begins September 18 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Worship: 10 am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 10-1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4-H 7:00 PM</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Rally Day Worship: 10 am w/ picnic to follow</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Finance 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 am (adult SS rm.) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lamplighter Deadline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Food Pantry 9am-11am</p>
<p>18 Heifer Sunday</p> <p>Regular Schedule: Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:45 AM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SPRC 7:00 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Coffee & Cars 7am - 10 am</p> <p>Yard Sale 8 am - 1 pm (FH)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:45 AM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Star Fellowship 12:00 pm at Woodbine Inn</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)</p>	<p>30</p>	

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

YTD Financial Summary:

The overall financial position of the church Operating Fund is good with sufficient funds to remain current on all obligations.

The 3% increase in Building and Grounds is the result of BGE increases of 40% (\$3,694) over 2021 but fortunately this increase has been offset by a reduction in other ground maintenance cost.

The pastor and staff received pay rate increases in 2022 but the overall expense reduction in this category is the result of reduced office expense and overall staff hours paid.

	<u>July YTD Amounts</u>		<u>Incr/(Decr)</u> <u>2021 to 2022</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		
<u>Total Gifts (sources):</u>				
Offering	\$ 131,726	\$ 129,293	\$ (2,432)	-2%
Other Donations (note 1)	\$ 7,500	\$ 11,250	3,750	33%
Total Support to Operating Fund	<u>\$ 139,226</u>	<u>\$ 140,543</u>	<u>\$ 1,318</u>	<u>1%</u>
<u>Expense:</u>				
Blding/Grounds	\$ 34,896	\$ 35,849	\$ 953	3%
Ed./Ministry	\$ 2,655	\$ 3,411	\$ 756	22%
Apportionments	\$ 21,710	\$ 20,705	\$ (1,005)	-5%
Pastoral/Staff/Office	\$ 100,260	\$ 98,800	\$ (1,460)	-1%
Total Expense	<u>\$ 159,521</u>	<u>\$ 158,765</u>	<u>\$ (756)</u>	<u>0%</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (20,295)</u>	<u>\$ (18,221)</u>		
Available Cash on Hand		34,697		

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.

Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church
11023 Liberty Road
Randallstown, MD 21133

58th Annual Roast Beef Supper

Saturday, October 8, 2022

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wards Chapel United Methodist Church
11023 Liberty Road, Randallstown

EAT IN - \$20

TAKE OUT - \$21

Children 6-12 - \$8 / Under 6 - free



Questions?

(410) 922-6595 or (410) 922-6556