



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter September 2023



Having locked her keys inside her car, the woman prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation and got her car door opened in nothing flat.

"Thank you, God, for sending me this nice man to help," she exclaimed.

The man replied, "I'm not nice. I just got out of jail for auto theft."

"Thank you, God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!"

I feel the tremendous spiritual season approaching, and harvest time also comes. The Spirit of God confirms this message through our church members. Whenever I have conversations with members, I hear all kinds of exciting ideas and plans for our church. They talk about new ways of fellowship, small group gatherings, and new missions auction events, etc. Also, you will hear fantastic news from our Finance committee in this newsletter. We received a generous gift from a family in our community. It is such a great blessing. Also, the Congregational Pathway team regularly gathers to work on ways to plant a creative missional seed in our community. This is all wonderful evidence that God's spirit is still working through faithful people.

Recently, I embraced a vision for our community, not just for our church members but also for reaching out to our neighbors, a "live-music community fellowship." Last Good Friday service, through the service of "Meals and Meditation", we opened our table and we shared our life and testimonies with them. To keep up our Methodist tradition, we provided a great deal of food. It was very successful, and I received so much good feedback from the participants. Then I thought, "Oh, this is it! We should do it again!"

Soon after, I realized that we already had everything that we needed, Excellent event organizers, committed volunteers, talented musicians, and much more. So, our music team (Rachel, James, Kevin and others) is preparing good quality music for the event, other volunteers are bringing new ideas, even including construction ideas.

Isn't it exciting? I will keep you posted with more details, and if anyone is interested in this idea, please do not hesitate to contact me to share your talent and your passion.

Pastor Steven

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

Please find the latest update near the end of the newsletter plus information regarding recent bequests given to Ward's Chapel.

Bill Showman, 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:**



- peanut butter
- jelly
- chicken
- tuna

Keep in mind, we will take donations of any nearly new items such as clothes, towels, sheets, blankets, etc.!

Any food items should be **checked for expiration dates** before donating!

Remember students can receive volunteer hours for helping at the food pantry so if you are interested please contact Wendy at wrmille@gmail.com or texting/calling our Food Pantry number 410-756-0665. Thanks so much!

Wendy Miller, Missions Chair

PRESCHOOL

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Even the staff gets excited about back-to-school (mostly)! A new school year is always so exciting – for us and for the children.

Preschool will begin on Tuesday, September 5 for the 40th year. It's hard to believe that the summer has flown so quickly.

We currently have 50 of 55 spaces for children filled in our four classes. We also have a new staff member this year in our MTW 3s class and Karen Jaeger has officially joined our staff in the MT 2s!

Carol Parker and Melinda Dettmer-Perkins, from the Nurture Committee, and Mike Blank helped us welcome our parents back at Parent Orientation. It was great to see our parents interact with our church members!

Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our last single service will be Sunday, September 10, followed by our annual Rally Day Church Picnic! Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship. We will provide the chicken and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to make our meal complete.

The following Sunday, September 17, we will begin our new Sunday School year between services at 9:45. We have Sunday School classes for all ages, so if you are ready to join us and have not done so in the past, please let me know.

We are excited to come together, serve God and continue our Faith journey.

Julie Weller

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Barbara 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
Mary Libby Green – at home (at Jay's)
Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Group: Sarah Perkins is trying to start up a group for young adults (ages 18 - 30). She thought having game nights would be a fun and inclusive idea. But, she would also love to hear from other members any ideas or suggestions.

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**Roast Beef Supper:**

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 7, 2023 we will hold the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Roast Beef Supper! This year, we will be serving take-out orders only at \$20 for an adult meal. This includes approximately a half-pound of perfectly cooked choice beef, homemade gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, fresh Coleslaw, sweet applesauce, seasonal succotash, and dinner rolls.

Please call the preschool office at (410) 922-6595 or the church office at (410) 922-6556 to place your order. Ordering deadline is Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS.

We need your assistance making applesauce, peeling potatoes, and trimming and slicing the roast beef! If you are available at any of these times, please contact Bridget or Karen or fill out the form in Sunday's bulletin.

- Applesauce – Thu., Sept. 28 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Potatoes – Friday, Oct., 6 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Trimming/Slicing Beef – Sat., Oct. 7 @ 8:00 a.m.

Thank you in advance for making this event a success!

Bridget Wetzel  
Karen Jaeger

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Alzheimer's Report: I'm excited to share the following information that was presented to the Alzheimer's committee that I volunteer on-

The international conference on Alzheimer's brought together over 7000 in person attendees and over 3000 on line this July to discuss new findings. In the US, Leqembi is the first traditionally approved FDA drug that changes the

underlying course of Alzheimer's disease. It works by targeting amyloid beta and is administered twice monthly through intravenous infusing. Clinical trials clearly demonstrate that removing amyloid from the brain provides measurable, meaningful benefit in the people with early Alzheimer's. The CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) will cover the cost if the patient's physician enrolls them in CMS run registry.

This is a huge step forward for those who are just beginning to have memory issues. Being identified early makes a difference and now the drug cost will be covered by Medicare or Medicaid so all levels of income will have access to this treatment. ~Carol Parker

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**Mum Sale:** The Woman's Club of Glyndon will be selling 9 x 6-inch pots of mums for \$12. Colors are Red/Burgundy or Yellow/Gold or Orange/Bronze or Purple/Pink. There are order forms hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex or you may contact Carol Parker. Order forms and money must be received by Sept. 6 and pick up of mums is Fri., Sept 15 from 2-4pm at the clubhouse in Glyndon. See Carol if you need a delivery.

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**The latest issue of
*The Bulletin,***

a monthly reproducible message from the
Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference
on vitality for local churches:

From: Vol. 1, Issue 6:

We Are Called to Live A Vital Faith

Every United Methodist church in this region has been challenged to become 100 percent vital, embracing the four pillars of Seeing All the People, Deepening Discipleship, Living and Loving Like Jesus and Multiplying one's Impact.

Vitality can often mean broadening one's faith and stepping out beyond the well-defined traditions to imagine and embrace new relationships and partnerships with those outside the church walls. Seeing All the People drives us to build authentic relationships that create belonging

as everyone feels known and valued as children of God.

When we listen with love in our hearts to the community's voice -- one conversation at a time -- especially with those on the margins, the Holy Spirit changes us and inspires us. Discipleship begins with relationship, and relationship begins with seeing -- with the heart -- all the people in our churches and beyond.

As your church grows in vitality, consider:

The author Victor Hugo wrote, "To love another person is to see the face of God." How will you reach out this week, to someone new and listen to their story? How is "seeing all the people" an essential part of your faith?

Budgets Tell God's Generous Story

United Methodists are connectional -- we know God can do more through us serving together. Our connection includes our budgets -- living statements of the way we choose to use the financial gifts that God provides to serve our congregations, communities, and the world.

In the fall, your church sets its budget for the coming year. A portion of the money collected will go to support mission and ministry beyond the local church in regional, national and international arenas. These mission shares, sometimes called apportionments, empower us to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Did you know that when you give, you support an extraordinary range of ministry? Your generosity will, among many other things:

offer United Methodist worship experiences that draw thousands of people every week; operate mission centers for conference staff to resource local churches; advocate for social justice with lawmakers at the state and national level; recruit and educate future pastors; protect children through Safe Sanctuary policies; extend radical hospitality to thousands of guests every year in Retreat and Camping ministries; maintain church histories and archives; train young adult interns in inclusion and justice; care for and equip people living with HIV/AIDS; ensure sound financial management of all gifts made to churches; undergird a college education to 1,200 students from across the continent at Africa University; provide American Sign

Language interpretation; put love into action by feeding, clothing, housing and serving with the poor; advocate on behalf of health care for all;

create summer camping experiences for children and youth; equip every church with a pastor to lead them; uphold covenant relationships with missionaries around the world; ensure chaplain services to men and women in the armed services; train church leaders to do the work to which God calls them; connect and engage United Methodists through a website, social media and other information systems; support local churches during times of crisis; administer pastor's pension and medical plans; provide legal assistance to immigrants; promote awareness of Native American issues and ministries; empower victims of domestic violence to find safe shelter; partner with extensive ministries in Africa; inspire youth at a variety of service, learning and fellowship events; address and fight systemic racism; witness to the life-giving love of Jesus at rallies and forums; minister with and to college students at campus ministries; offer pathways for church development and vitality; support 66 bishops who provide spiritual leadership around the world; and inspire and equip local faith communities to offer the hope of Christ.

**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund
Year to Year Comparison as of July 2023**

YTD Financial Summary:

Offering is trending slightly lower than prior year at this point but it appears to be a timing issue. This figure will be closely monitored.

Pastoral/Staff/Office variance is the result of 5% salary increases, increased staff salaries related to Choir starting back up in 2023 and an increase in office expense. The office expense increase should just be a timing issue.

Overall expenses are trending as expected with the exception of the \$4,523 amount related to prior years services performed but not billed until 2023.

Comparative Analysis Adjustment - The \$4,523 was expensed in 2023 but the services were performed from 2017-2021. This amount is excluded for year over year analysis only. The \$6,565 represents one additional month of salary paid early for tax purposes. It is excluded for year over year analysis only.

| | <u>July YTD Amounts</u> | | Comparative Analysis Adjustment | <u>Incr/(Decr) 2022 to 2023</u> | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | | | |
| <u>Total Gifts (sources):</u> | | | | | |
| Offering | \$ 129,293 | \$ 128,287 | | \$ (1,006) | -1% |
| Other Donations (note 1) | \$ 11,250 | \$ 11,250 | | - | 0% |
| Total Support to Operating Fund | <u>\$ 140,543</u> | <u>\$ 139,537</u> | | <u>\$ (1,006)</u> | <u>-1%</u> |
| <u>Expense:</u> | | | | | |
| Blding/Grounds | \$ 35,849 | \$ 41,171 | (4,523) | \$ 799 | 2% |
| Ed./Ministry | \$ 3,411 | \$ 3,320 | | \$ (91) | -3% |
| Apportionments | \$ 20,705 | \$ 19,626 | | \$ (1,079) | -5% |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office | \$ 98,800 | \$ 113,369 | (6,565) | \$ 8,004 | 8% |
| Total Expense | <u>\$ 158,765</u> | <u>\$ 177,486</u> | <u>166,398</u> | <u>\$ 7,633</u> | <u>4%</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | <u>\$ (18,221)</u> | <u>\$ (37,949)</u> | <u>(26,861)</u> | | |

Available Cash on Hand

(note: Insurance proceeds of \$22,291
4,336 not included in total)

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.

The Martin Family Legacy to Wards Chapel UMC

William W. ("Bill") Martin died on December 18, 2022, in his home on Liberty Road in Harrisonville where he was born and lived his entire life. His death ended three generations of an extraordinary family and begins an extraordinary legacy to Wards Chapel United Methodist Church.

Dr. William E. Martin (Wm. W. Martin's grandfather) was born in 1881 in Reisterstown. He became a storekeeper for Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville, and in his off-hours attended University of Maryland Medical School. Upon graduation in 1908, the young doctor and his wife, the former Hannah Bailey, of Easton, moved to Harrisonville on Liberty Road.

His practice began with a horse and buggy, a sleigh in winter, and a Ford roadster. He often had to use a horse or mule to reach remote patients' homes. Over his 60-year career he delivered 4,000 babies, mostly in their homes. In his early years he charged 50 cents for office visits, and \$10 for a baby delivery.

He proposed the first health center in the Randallstown area, was its health officer, and was an assistant State Medical Examiner. For most of his career he was the sole doctor in the Randallstown and Sykesville areas.

He was a member of the Lions Club of Randallstown, the Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company, a postmaster of Freedom Lodge No. 112, vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Randallstown Bank, and member of the Board of Directors of Maryland National Bank.

Dr. William E. Martin died in 1974, and was survived by his son, William B. Martin. In his estate, he established the William E. Martin Trust for his family. His Trust provided that upon the passing of his two grandsons, Lynn and Bill (William W. Martin) that the balance of the Trust, now approximately \$1,100,000 would be turned over to Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Dr. Martin's son, William B. Martin, and his wife, Elizabeth lived their entire life in the same home with Dr. and Hannah Martin, purchased in 1921. William B. Martin became a noted banker and managed the Randallstown and Woodmoor branches of Maryland National Bank. William B. Martin and Elizabeth enjoyed travelling and spending time on their cabin cruiser on the Chesapeake Bay. William B. Martin died in 2002.

Like his father, William B. Martin established a trust for his two sons, Lynn and Bill (William W. Martin). This Trust terminated upon the passing of Lynn and Bill, and according to its terms, bequeathed the entire balance to Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church, approximately \$2,500,000.

William B. and Elizabeth had two sons, Lynn, and Bill (William W. Martin). Both Lynn and Bill lived their entire lives in the family home on Liberty Road. Neither Bill nor Lynn ever married. Lynn, a large loveable man, standing six feet three, spent his life in the Ward's Chapel community, helping at various businesses, and being a loyal member of the Liberty Road Fire Company. Lynn also enjoyed maintaining the family home, following NASCAR and Orioles baseball. Lynn passed away in 2019.

William W. Martin was born in 1932. He spent his entire working career in the Maryland Forest Service, as a forest ranger. He loved nature and trees. Bill enjoyed travelling, particularly to national parks throughout the United States. He also enjoyed following the Colts, Ravens and Orioles and was a lifetime member of the Liberty Road Fire Company, where he served on its ambulance service for many years. As his father and grandfather, Bill was very generous, and left his entire estate to Carroll Hospital and to the Ward's Chapel Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund bequest is approximately \$1,000,000 and will be added to the existing Heritage Fund balance.

Ward's Chapel is extremely surprised and grateful for this legacy from the Martin family. The Church Council has decided that the William E. Martin bequest (\$1,100,000) will be maintained as a separate fund within the church. The goal of this fund is to preserve the principle while maximizing income generation. All income generated from this fund will be used for Church-sponsored good works (estimated at \$45,000 per year). Good works will be defined as outreach, missions or other activities sponsored by the Church to spread God's word.

The Church Council has decided that the bequest from William B. Martin (\$2,500,000) will also be maintained as a separate fund within the church. This fund will also be managed by preserving the principal and only using the generated income for church related improvements or enhancements. These activities could include major repairs, improvements to existing infrastructure or enhanced and expanded church activities and programs that cannot be supported financially by the current Operating Fund.

September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, September 10 following worship</p>  </div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Fall Worship Schedule begins September 17 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> </div> </div> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 <i>Private Event (sanct.) 2 pm-5pm</i> | 4 Labor Day | 5 Congregational Vitality 7:00 pm | 6 Bible Study 10 am | 7 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM | 8 4-H 7:00 PM | 9 |
| 10 Church Picnic after 10 am worship | 11 Trustees 7:00 pm | 12 Finance 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 pm | 13 Bible Study 10:00 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lamplighter Deadline | 14 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | 15 | 16 Food Pantry 9am-11am <i>Private Event (FH) 12 pm-11 pm</i> |
| 17 Heifer Sunday Regular Schedule resumes 8:30 worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 worship | 18 | 19 SPRC 7:00 PM | 20 Bible Study 10 am | 21 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 <i>Cho Travel Slideshow 3 pm Glyndon UMC</i> | 25 | 26 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm | 27 Bible Study 10 am | 28 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | 29 |  |

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11023 Liberty Road
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59th Annual Roast Beef Supper

Saturday, October 7, 2023

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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TAKE OUT - \$20

Questions?

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

