



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter January 2021



What do you expect in 2021?

As I have been preparing my worship plan for 2021, I was wondering what will happen the new year. (We do not even need to mention about 2020. It was tough, right?) Then how about next year? Will it change?

I googled it and found out lots of articles and predictions. They are mainly two things. People still expect some strong challenges from this pandemic outbreak will happen before it gets better. Another group of people, actually they are mostly the financial analysts working in Wall Street, predict the economy by using their own numbers and evaluations. I guess MONEY is one of the strong motivations that people become curious about in the future.

At the end of the year, just like other people did, I had time to ponder my life, ministry and the things that I had missed this year. Since the weather gets colder, and I have been hearing disappointing news, I become more sentimental, and unfinished projects seem like they are holding my legs. However, there is also a huge blessing that only people living in the four seasons can feel. Time goes on, and spring will finally come.

There are two Latin aphorisms that are my favorites, one is "Carpe Diem" and the second one is "Memento Mori". "Carpe Diem" literally means 'seize a day'. Now we interpret the meaning like 'Enjoy life, while you can.' The second, "Memento Mori" tells us another wisdom, 'remember you are mortal' or 'remember death'. They sound like opposites, but I feel like they tell us about one lesson, of our life and faith.

We know, at the end of a year, we have Christmas. Christmas is a good example to show us the two opposite lessons of life. Historically people realized that the length of day and night always change. So, the winter solstice, which is the longest night of the year has always become the symbol of the frustration, and fear of darkness. Then Christians understood that even in the longest night of the year they had hope without fear because once the day passes, they would see the brightest light of the world, the birth of the baby Jesus, they knew.

Isn't it the interesting irony of life? While we are in the deepest sorrow, we still find hope in God. Even if we are suffering from the worse pandemic outbreak, faithful people still see the hope for the future.

Because... only the ones who remember the most precious death of Christ (Memento Mori), can find the hope in the present day (Carpe Diem). Still we see the hope for tomorrow. This is the lesson of the new day!

Pastor Steven Cho

PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL PLANNED ACTIVITIES LISTED HEREIN
ARE DEPENDENT UPON the RECOMMENDATIONS
of the FEDERAL and STATE GOVERNMENTS, the
CDC, and the BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE of the UMC.**

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

There will be a collection date for donations in early January.

Thank you so much for all the support you have offered to the food pantry. We appreciate all the prayers, monetary donations, and food donations. We have been serving about 20 families during the pandemic.

Our **CURRENT** needs list:

- baked beans
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta
- canned corn
- canned veggies (other than green beans)
- canned potatoes
- soup
- boxed mac n cheese
- dry soup
- canned fruit
- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned chicken
- canned tuna
- toilet paper
- disinfectant wipes or spray (Lysol)
- toothbrushes (adult & child)
- toothpaste
- floss or picks

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

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



Wendy Miller)
Missions Chairperson

NURTURE

This Christmas Holiday the Nurture Committee was busy making up and distributing approximately 40 Care Packages to our sick, shut-ins and members with whom we have not been able to see due to the guidelines and cautions in place with the pandemic.

We supported the Administration of Hernwood Elementary with 100 travel size disinfectant packs and 100 boxes of facial tissues, to be used in care packages for their team of staff members. The packages are a gift thanking them for their continued dedication and service providing quality education to the youth in our area.

Reflecting back on 2020, this year has been a year of change for everyone and the church was not excluded. The Nurture Committee tried our best to support the other committees and Pastor Steven as all the committees had to think of new and creative ways continue worship services and to stay in touch with our members, while trying to reach out to others in need.

Change is good, it gives us a chance to look at things from a new perspective!

Happy New Year!

Meals for Pastor Lisa

As Pastor Lisa begins her treatments for cancer the Nurture Committee will be coordinating meals for her as a way to support her and offer assistance. Currently, we are still working out the details with her, but have started a sign-up sheet. A copy will be in the Narthex or you can contact Melinda to be placed on the list.

If you would be able to provide meals, please contact Melinda Dettmer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Board of Child Care Mitten tree this year. We appreciate all your donations and the children will be so excited to have warm accessories this winter. We collected 4 blankets, 1 ear warmer, 2 hat/glove sets, 47 gloves, 104 hats, 3 scarves, 7 packs of underwear, 174 pair of socks. Blessings to you and your family! Thanks to Shirley, Karen & Judi for delivering the donations.

Happy New Year to all! We look forward to a new year in which we will meet in person at some point! The main goal is to keep all our families safe and healthy! Until then all our classes, in some way, have been in touch. The middle school and high school classes have been meeting twice a month via Zoom. They have a bible study then engage in games or activities. If your child hasn't participated, it's never too late to join us on Sunday nights. The middle school class joined in a Christmas celebration on Zoom with our holiday outfits and favorite snacks. We sang, laughed and played Christmas games. The younger Sunday School class has also been participating on zoom with bible stories, interactive activities and a simple craft. It has not been

easy, but a big thank you to all parents, kids and especially teachers during this unusual time!

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 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
Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
Hilda Reisberg – at Homestead
Janet Feezer – at home
Lulu Karagozi – Encore Marriottsville
Margaret Hare – at home
Mary Libby Green – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle: The Woman's Club of Glyndon is holding a cash raffle with three prizes: \$300, \$200, \$100 on February 3, 2021. Tickets are \$2 each. Monies raised support community charities. Contact Barbara Charnock or Carol Parker for tickets.

Thank you: Thank you to all from Ward's Chapel who delivered goodie bags to people who have for the most part been confined to their homes due to health issues. Special thanks to Pauline and Wayne who brought me a goodie bag and brought sunshine into my life on a rainy day. ~Diana Balick

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Special Donations:

Since some are still unable to meet in person and peruse the usual weekly announcements, the special donations made in the last month are as follows:

Special Donations have been made to the Capital Fund:

In memory of Mattie Brian from:
Keiler Brian

In memory of Butch Parker from:
Keiler Brian

In honor of Carol Parker from:
Keiler Brian


Special Donations have been made to the Heritage Trust:

In memory of Iris & Henry Robinson from:
Connie Weise

**In memory of
Fred & Myrtle Hoeltzel
Willard Hoeltzel
Walter H. & Emma M. O'Dell
Vin & Winifred Carey from:
by Jean & Luther Shepherd**



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy New Year!		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Church Council 7:00 pm on Zoom	13 <i>Lamplighter Deadline</i>	14 Feed My Sheep 9am - 12:30pm at Wesley Freedom UMC	15	16 Food Pantry 9am-11am
	18	19 SPRC 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23
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**We currently have indoor worship services
on Sundays at 10:00 am. Masks required.**

**We continue to have online resources
to view our worship service:**

Visit our website at:
www.wardschapel.org



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a Daily Devotional
& to stay connected to other members:**
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