



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter March 2021*



A priest was coming back to his rectory one evening in the dark when he was accosted by a robber who pulled a gun on him and demanded, "Your money or your life!" As the priest reached into his coat pocket, the robber saw his Roman collar and said, "I see you're a priest. Never mind, you can go." The priest tried to reciprocate by offering the robber a candy bar that he remembered was in his pocket.

The robber replied, "No thank you, Father. I don't eat candy during Lent."

Lent began. As I explained before, Lent is the special period when we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus. There are two ways that we spend time during Lent. One way is to remember the ministry of Jesus and follow the way of the Lord. We share the love of God and be kind to our people. Then the last Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday, the highlight of Jesus's ministry. The second way is to remember the suffering of Christ. The main focus of the second perspective is that Christ-followers should understand that they are not alone. Jesus also participated in human suffering and pain, and by the sacrifice of Jesus, we can be saved. The last Sunday of Lent becomes 'Passion Sunday.'

The Christian church historically used to celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter in different ways. The tradition of imposing ashes became a part of a Christian ritual (especially the Catholic church) in the ninth century, and 'fasting' as a spiritual discipline was also recommended around this time. After the Reformation in the sixteenth century, Protestant churches rejected those traditions of the Catholic church because they wanted to make sure the Christian life should begin with faith, not with the way of following traditions. So, they thought even if people practiced imposition of ashes, and joined the Good Friday service, it did not mean that they truly repented. Christians are being saved by faith, not by the action, our Protestant ancestors believed.

Then, later, in the nineteenth century, these Ash Wednesday rituals and Lenten traditions came back to our Protestant groups again, because they realized that fasting and Lenten ritual would be great disciplines for their spirit. 'Ecumenical movement' brought Christian churches back to the rich tradition of these rituals. However, the spirit and the lessons of this season remain the same; remembering the life of Jesus, and being the disciples of Christ.

Regardless of the tradition that you belong to, during Lent we listen to the call from Jesus. Jesus is our Lord, and he has never refused to sacrifice himself for this world and the people of God. So, I hope we remember the love of God by participating in spiritual disciplines and learn 'humbleness' from Jesus.

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.**

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**Daily Pick-me-ups**

1. Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.
2. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
3. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
4. Don't let praise go to your head and don't let criticism go to your heart.
5. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
6. Drive carefully...It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
7. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
8. Don't wait. The time will never be just right.
9. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
10. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
11. Never buy a car you can't push.
12. Don't let yesterday take too much of today.
13. If it cost you your peace of mind, you overpaid.
14. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
15. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

16. The only difference between where you are and where you want to be is the steps you haven't taken yet.
17. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
18. The second mouse gets the cheese.
19. If you stay positive in a negative situation, you win.
20. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
21. Stop being ashamed of how many times you've fallen and start being proud of how many times you've gotten up!
22. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
23. You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
24. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
25. Don't be afraid to start over again. This time you're not starting from scratch, you're starting from experience.
26. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
27. Don't forget to drink water and get some sun. You're basically a houseplant with more complicated emotions.
28. When life shuts a door, open it again. It's a door. That's how they work.
29. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
30. Remember: when life gets too hard to stand, kneel.

Peace & Blessings,  
The Churchmouse

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# PROGRAM MINISTRIES

## **MISSIONS**

### ***Food Pantry***

A huge thank you for all of the donations to the Food Pantry in 2020! We started out the year serving 12-15 families each month and are now serving 20-22 families.

Karen Jaeger will now be collecting donations on the **first Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm at the Fellowship Hall**. Please see the list below for our needs for this month.

- Grocery Bags---especially handled brown bags and Aldi reusable plastic bags
- personal hygiene items (male and female)
- feminine products
- antibacterial wipes
- trash bags
- baked beans
- spaghetti sauce
- canned potatoes
- rice
- macaroni and cheese
- canned fruit or applesauce
- toilet paper
- cereal (popular ones are Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios and "kids" brands)
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter
- jelly
- tissues

**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.



Wendy Miller  
Missions Chairperson

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## **NURTURE**

### **Meals for Pastor Lisa**

Pastor Lisa has been receiving chemo treatments and is very appreciative of the meals she's received.

If you would be able to provide meals, please contact Melinda Dettmer or Clarice at the church office at 410-922-6556.)

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholarship Opportunity:** The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship offered by Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church honors the memory of Wayne, an active lifetime member of the Church and is awarded annually to church members pursuing a post-secondary education. Applicants are not limited to first year students, yet when funds are limited, first year applicants will be given priority. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per academic year will be awarded based on the following: church involvement, community service, academic record, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

Applications will be available at the church office and on the website at:

<http://www.wardschapel.org/R--W--Feezer-Scholarship.html> by February 15, 2021.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the church office no later than May 1, 2021. The number of scholarships and the amount will be announced on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

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## College Scholarship Applications now

**open:** The BWC awards scholarships for qualified students currently attending college, as well as high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2021. The application process is now open and closes March 24. A variety of scholarships are offered to fit the diverse needs of our students. To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the full online application, which includes uploading their current transcripts and providing references from their pastor and another person in their church. [Scholarships | Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC \(bwcumc.org\)](http://www.bwcumc.org)

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# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Trustees 7:00 PM	2	3  Food Pantry Donation Drop-off 4-6 pm	4  Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6
7	8	9  Church Council 7:00 PM on Zoom	10  <i>Lamplighter Deadline</i>	11  Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 9 am -12:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16  SPRC 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20  Food Pantry 9am-11am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

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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](http://www.wardschapel.org)**

**Visit our Facebook page  
to see various announcements,  
articles,  
and to stay connected to other members:**  
**Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church**

