



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter March 2022*



\*Ash Wednesday humor\*

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service a young boy asked his mother, “Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust?”

“Yes, darling.”

“And do we go back to dust again when we die?”

“Yes, dear.”

“Wow!” said the boy. “When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!”

I believe that there are two ways to celebrate Lent. One way is to remember the ministry of Jesus Christ, and the victory by overcoming the power of death. The other way is to deeply focus on the limitedness and challenges in this world, awareness of the limited world that we live in. Jesus also took the same challenges and he died for his people as well. It is undeniable fate that we all experience every day. Even if God created the whole world and human beings in God’s plan, still we know that we are overwhelmed by the power of darkness. That’s because we are so weak and easily tempted by the satanic power. Scary news such as the current, intense Russo-Ukrainian crisis never stop. There are so many natural disasters everywhere, and even COVID variants are still raging.

Maybe those who waved at Jesus and exclaimed “Hosanna in the highest,” in the Bible felt the same emotion that we have today. I know we live in a far better environment than the ancient Hebrew descendants, but we still find threats, danger, misfortune, accidents, and real conflict every day. I am so sure that that’s why we desperately need Jesus and God’s mercy every moment.

So, this year, I want to begin this Lent by celebrating and praising the name of the Lord. I invite all Ward’s Chapel families to enjoy this marvelous event, “Jesus is coming, the King is coming here.” We have heard too much discouraging news so far and are disappointed at the cries and sorrowful mourning of our beloved people. But, this year, do not let the shadow of life and gloomy mood take away heavenly joy and hope from us. We want to hail and praise that the Lord is coming, and Jesus Christ is the only hope that we have!

Lent this year begins March 2nd, (Ash Wednesday) and I invite all of you to the marvelous beginning of this Easter season and to celebrate a new day. This year, we would rather make delightful noise than solemn silence. We would rather praise what the Lord has done for us than just be disoriented. Let’s impose the ash of majesty together on our hearts and begin the victorious forty days in our savior's name. Let’s have a beautiful beginning together.

Pastor Steven Cho

\*Ash Wednesday Service will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM in the sanctuary (*hybrid service*)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

### FINANCE

We are starting off 2022 with a strong cash balance in the Operating Fund. This balance will be required to offset anticipated monthly deficits when our expense exceeds collected offering. These shortfalls are normal and usually reverse during the last quarter of the year.

Correction from last month's report: There was a misstatement in the \*footnote. This footnote erroneously stated that the \$25,000 donation received for the planned painting project was received from the R Wayne Feezer Foundation. This generous gift was actually received from church members.

Bill Showman, 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 list below for our regular needs list plus the special needs for this month:

- Grocery Bags---especially handled brown bags and Aldi reusable plastic bags
- personal hygiene items (male and female)
  - shampoo, body wash, lotion, deodorant, shaving cream
- feminine products
- antibacterial wipes
- trash bags
- tissues
- baked beans
- green beans

- pasta
- 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)
- canned chicken or tuna
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter
- jelly
- THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL REQUEST:
  - breakfast foods:
    - cereal
    - oatmeal (packets and drums)
    - breakfast bars
    - pancake mix/Bisquick
    - syrup



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. Thanks so much!

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### NURTURE

Nurture will be distributing Lenten bags to our shut-ins. Included in the bags will be ashes, palms, and sacraments so our shut-ins may participate in the various services during the Lenten/Easter season along with the rest of the congregation.



Melinda Dettmer

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## PRESCHOOL



Thank you again to all the church members who supported the Super Bowl Sub Sale fundraiser for the Preschool! We sold a whopping 238 subs – a record amount! Thank you to Mo's Café in Eldersburg for helping us with the supplies.

In lieu of the Quarter Auction this year, the Preschool will be having a Preschool Prize Palooza. Parents, family and friends will purchase tickets, which will then be drawn daily, and prizes distributed. We will have daily prizes similar to what we have at the Quarter Auction including an Orioles/Ravens Basket, a Gift Card Basket, and a Family Fun Night Basket as well as gift cards and baskets from local businesses and vendors like Pampered Chef and Mary & Martha. Tickets may be purchased in the Preschool office for \$20, if you are interested.

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year has been going well. We currently have 52 children enrolled for the new year. We sincerely hope that by September 2022, the pandemic will have waned and enrollment will go back to 'normal', which is about 100 students.

The Preschool children will be collecting coins during Lent for Heifer International. This year, the Preschool has chosen the Promise Basket. This gift contains chickens, rabbits, geese, and ducks at a cost of \$85. It is one of Heifer's Women's Empowerment gifts.

Fondly,  
Ms. Bridget

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL



We were recently contacted by Chapel Hill Nursing Center regarding outreach programs. Our first service mission was making 20 goodie bags and cards for the residents to celebrate Valentine's Day. We plan to continue this partnership and at some point, visit outside with the residents.

We will also be putting together Easter baskets for youth through Shepherds Staff's

Easter programs. Our goal this year is 50 Easter baskets for kids age 3 through 14.

Families are invited to attend our family Lenten activities on Sunday, March 27 during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a group activity and then families will participate in several individual art activities. We hope to see you there!

Julie Weller

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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  
Janet Feezer – at home  
Lulu Karagjozi – Encore Ellicott City  
Margaret Hare – at home  
Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living  
Mary Libby Green – at home

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We are starting an Altar Care group. If you are interested in learning about and helping to care for our altar cloths and Communion elements, please contact Lisa Ruff (text/call) 410-340-2191 or (email) [lisadruffmst@gmail.com](mailto:lisadruffmst@gmail.com). Thank you!

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**Heifer Collection:** We have resumed collecting change for Heifer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. At this time, we will provide the fishbowl for people to drop in their change. Collection by the children will be determined at a later date.

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**Help Needed with Virtual Service**

**broadcasting:** As COVID continues to impact service attendance, the need for broadcasting Sunday services over Zoom continues. Over the last

two years, we have relied on the same 2-3 people to make virtual services available to our congregation that cannot attend in person. We would like to relieve Pastor Steven from some of his responsibilities in the process as well as deepen our bench of people that can help so that if someone is out sick or on vacation, virtual services can still be provided. There are two main components to the process: running the sanctuary equipment and running the Zoom. While these processes may seem complicated they can be pared down and simplified to allow for basic Zoom capability (with fewer bells and whistles). So please don't let what you see during current services intimidate you.

The sanctuary equipment role involves turning on the projector, turning on the video camera, turning the computer that will already be set up and connected to everything, turning on the sound system (maybe), logging into the computer, and joining the Zoom meeting. Written instructions for these steps can be provided. The sanctuary equipment person also makes sure the camera is pointed to the lectern and reminds people to use a microphone.

The person running Zoom will need to log into Zoom under the church Zoom account, admit people to the meeting, monitor chat for questions and prayer requests, and mute people that are being disruptive. This person could be in the sanctuary or remote (e.g. at home). If skilled with Zoom, presenting slides and live-streaming to YouTube would be a bonus but not required. An instruction package for how to do this already exists and can be shared upon request.

If the Zoom person is in the sanctuary, then that person could take on the sanctuary equipment role if they are comfortable with doing so. If remote, it is recommended that the two people have the ability to communicate via phone texting in case of network or Zoom outages.

For all of these roles, training will be provided. Virtual service has been a huge benefit to our congregation during this trying time. Please help us keep this option available by volunteering to be trained in one of these roles. How often your services will be needed can be negotiated. At this point what is most important is just getting more people with the training to step in as needed.

Please contact Laura Bateman if you are willing to help.

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**Summer Camp:** The summer camps at West River and Manidokin 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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**Bible Study:** The Ward's Chapel Bible Study group will reconvene on March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have decided to start our study in Jeremiah because "we are all less acquainted with the Old Testament than we are with the New Testament."

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# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)  <b>Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 pm (hybrid)</b>	3  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	4	5  Re-Formation Meeting - 10:00 am (hybrid-sanctuary and Zoom)
6	7  Trustees 7:00 pm	8  Church Council 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 10:00 am (narthex) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am <i>Lamplighter Deadline</i>	10  Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 10-1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins	14	15  SPRC 7:00 pm	16  Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	17  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	18	19  Food Pantry 9am-11am
20 Heifer Sunday	21	22  Star Fellowship 12:00 PM	23  Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	24  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	25	26
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# Ash Wednesday Service

Available in-person and online

**March 2**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Go to [www.wardschapel.org](http://www.wardschapel.org)  
to access our livestreamed services.

