



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter April 2020



Blessings, sisters and brothers!

I share the peace of God to you and send my love for you.

Most of us, stay at home and without any emergency reason, we shouldn't travel, or shouldn't have a party with our friends for at least two weeks. It's a very challenging and difficult situation.

Especially our elderly church members need extra care and those who have medical concern should be more careful not to be exposed to Coronavirus. As I shared a message last week, the social distance is one thing that we have to seriously consider.

In this challenging moment, I may share some ministerial thoughts with you. First of all, this physical limitation can be a chance that we can catch up something that we missed: spirituality. I read an article about 'parenting guidelines during quarantine.' The writer who is a current principal, points out that the parents shouldn't hurry to equip 'homeschooling mode'. It's better to have good family time and re-establish family connections and trust in love. I agree with this. Maybe in this challenging moment, we can catch up something that we missed, due to busy-ness of our lives. Even in the church history, when our faithful ancestors had to escape from the severe persecution, they gathered at refuge, and a shelter house. What they could do was to pray for help, and for salvation. As they prayed, the frustration became confidence, and their sense of direction was re-aligned in the light of divine guidelines.

Moreover, interestingly the ancient churches were house churches. Families were the basic foundation of the church community. We can also find the same stories in the early American history as well. Families were the center for the moral life, education and religion.

I hope your family have quiet moment to catch up Christian 'spirituality'. We may read the Bible together, and share some thoughts and ideas about being Christians or living out faithful ones.

And please do not forget that we have neighbors and friends who need more attention and prayer. Some of friends lost their jobs, and small business owners suffer from this financial stagnation and difficulty. Others struggle from loneliness and isolation. Pray for them and find something that you can do.

One more thing. Church began worshipping online. So please check your email carefully. We have three ways to worship online. You can simply click the link in your email. Then you will see 'YouTube' videoclip. Second you can also participate in real time worship at Zoom, 11 AM of Sundays. For the details, read the emailed instructions that Katie Dell made. For those who do not have an email account, we will send out a summary every week.

I will pray for all of you, and please do not hesitate if you need to say something to the church. Call or text me, and send me an email anytime.

Stay safe in the peace of God.

Pastor Steven

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of the FEDERAL and STATE GOVERNMENTS, the
CDC, and the BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE of the UMC.**

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your support of our new mission, Wards Chapel Food Pantry. We appreciate all of your donations, prayers, and time.

If you are donating from your own pantry, please check expiration dates.

The pantry will accept any of the items on our original list which is located near the end of the newsletter.

Thanks again for your support! If you are interested in giving your time, please let me know. We still need solicitation of donations from local stores, baked goods/bagels to serve to families, and spreading the word.



Contact Wendy Miller at 410-756-0665.

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### **PRESCHOOL**

The preschool was closed March 16-29, but what the COVID-19 virus holds for the schools in Maryland after that, we're still not sure. It's been a little strange for both

students and staff to have a long break in the last part of the school year. The staff still prepared on our planning day in March, getting projects ready and sanitizing. I hope that we'll be back soon. We'll just have to go with the flow!

According to William Shakespeare, April puts the "spirit of youth in everything". As spring arrives in full, take a minute to look at this period of rebirth through the eyes of a child. God's ever-changing world is filled with wonders all around us. Preschoolers recognizing these delights for the first time are filled with awe. Take your cue from our children and stop to appreciate the marvels of the season.

I can't believe that there are only two months left of this school year – it really has flown by. This month, the children will be talking about Easter, pets, gardens, farms, the zoo, the color yellow and ovals. We're hoping to be able to incubate eggs this month, schedule permitting, so look and listen for chicks in our classrooms. At the end of the month, the 2-year-olds will take a trip to Playtime Pastures in Granite, the 3s will visit the Smith Farm in New Windsor, and the 4s will visit the Baltimore County Ag Center to learn more about planting. We are already looking forward to next school year with registration for all classes nearly full.

Fondly,  
Ms. Bridget  
Director

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

If church activities are not cancelled, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place Sunday, April 5th during the Sunday School hour.

Julie Weller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APRIL
GREETERS & USHERS**



Greeters

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Cindy Reisberg

Ron Vogelsang
Mike Snyder

11:00 a.m.

Joy Dryer
Bridget Wetzel

Farai Mangwende
Kirk Bateman
Bridget Wetzel
Dan Wetzel

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.

- Butch Parker – Arden Courts
- Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home
- Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
- Hilda Reisberg – at Homestead
- Jack Balick – at home
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Lulu Karagjozi – Encore Marriottsville
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home
- Millie Reisberg – Brinton Woods

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, 2020. Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the church office no later than May 1, 2020. The number of scholarships and the amount will be announced by June 1, 2020.

Food Items to Donate

Protein Foods: Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, and Nuts	Grains: Bread, Cereal, Rice, and Pasta
canned tuna canned chicken canned beef stews canned salmon bean soups canned or dried beans baked beans canned chili peanut butter canned nuts	rice and rice mixes canned pastas noodle mixes dry noodles and pastas macaroni and cheese mix cold cereals bran cereal shredded wheat infant cereal hot cereal mixes oatmeal bread, muffin, and pancake mixes whole-grain crackers granola bars graham crackers flour bread

Dairy: Milk, Yogurt and Cheese	Vegetables	Fruits	Oils and Condiments
infant formula nonfat dry milk evaporated milk instant breakfast drinks shelf-stable (UHT) milk (small boxes) canned and boxed pudding	canned vegetables vegetable soup canned tomato products spaghetti sauce baby-food vegetables V-8 juice	canned fruit raisins applesauce dried fruits baby-food fruit fruit leather (100% fruit) canned and boxed 100% juice	vegetable oil salad dressing syrup jelly and jam honey sugar mayonnaise

Non-Food Items to Donate

Certain non-food items may also be welcome. Call your local food pantry to see what they need.

Paper Products	Soap Products	Personal Care Products	Extras
toilet paper paper towels napkins tissues	hand soap laundry and dish detergent cleaning products	shampoo toothpaste toothbrushes shaving cream razors deodorant feminine hygiene products	tea coffee spices

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 AM Lenten Study 9:45 am Choir Cantata 11 am Stephen Ministry Supervisory Grp 6:30 UMYF 6:30 PM	6	7	8 Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am	9 Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 10-1 AA meeting 6:30 - 9:00 pm	10 Good Friday <i>Reisterstown UMC</i> <i>Community Meditation</i> <i>Services 12-2 & 7-9pm</i> 4-H 7:00 PM	11
12 Easter 6:30 Sunrise Svc. w/ breakfast to follow Sunrise Svc 6:30 am Worship Svcs 8:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:45 am Oakland Manor 2 PM	13	14 Church Council 7:30 PM	15 Bible Study TBD Lamplighter Deadline	16 AA meeting 6:30 - 9:00 pm	17	18 Food Pantry 9am-11am
19 Heifer Sunday Choir 12:15 PM UMYF 6:30 PM	20	21 SPRC 7:00 PM	22 Bible Study TBD	23 AA meeting 6:30 - 9:00 pm	24	25
26 Choir 12:15 PM Nurture mtg. 12:15 pm <i>Community History</i> <i>Dinner 4:00 pm</i>	27	28 Star Fellowship 6:00 PM	29 Bible Study TBD	30 AA meeting 6:30 - 9:00 pm	31	

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(If normal operations resume)

Easter Sunrise Service

April 12

**at 6:30 a.m. at the cross
with breakfast to follow**



Worship Services

at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.