



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter April 2021



While driving to church on Easter Sunday a few years ago,
I told my children the Easter story.
“This is the day we celebrate Jesus’ coming back to life,” I explained.
Right away, my son, Kevin, three, piped up from the backseat,
“Will he be in church today?”
-Peggy Key, Portage, Michigan

Children often surprise us. Even if parents tend to find a right moment for teaching *life lessons*, in fact God’s wisdom and insight come through the most innocent questions of children. “Will he be in church today?”

Celebrating Easter is the most meaningful ceremony that Christian churches do every year. It is supposed to be the most precious moment, and meaningful event so that the people of God celebrate the salvation of God. However, to be honest, as a minister of a congregation, there is a challenge. Since we celebrate Easter every year, and we know this Sunday is important to every Christian, it does not seem to bring us the real lesson of Easter anymore. Easter becomes just one Sunday, and we simply have more people at this time.

However, Easter this year is going to be different. As everyone has experienced, last year was seriously challenging to us. Due to COVID-19 outbreak, we have not gathered to worship on Sundays. Even if we could continue our worship through the NEW AGE’s technology (Zoom, YouTube, etc.), still we miss real communion and fellowship as well.

We planned an outdoor service this Easter. We hope we can see everyone this Easter. We hope our children can play on the playground, and do hide-and-seek. We hope everything’s back to normal.

This Easter, we take a step forward. More families are getting vaccinated, and we are getting used to maintaining social distance. Even though there are still important guidelines to protect one another, we will do our best to connect everyone again. So, please come to our Easter outdoor service, if you feel comfortable. We celebrate new life, Jesus’ resurrection, and our new day, together.

Jesus will be there with us, and we all enjoy the beautiful season of new life. Do not forget to bring your flowers!

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

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

NURTURE

Card Ministry:

Thank you to those who have continued to send cards to our sick, shut ins and those we just have not seen for a while. Many have shared how they have enjoyed receiving the cards and how much it has helped them cope thru difficult times.

Several of you have already asked about starting the card ministry back up after church on Sundays. We will look into how we can organize it as to keep everyone safe and to oblige to the guidelines created for the pandemic. Please watch your bulletins for updates.

Meals for Pastor Lisa:

I asked Pastor Lisa for an update that I may share with the congregation, here is her reply from March 13th.

"I'm hanging in here but the weekly chemo is wearing me out. No time to recover from the treatment before the next one. My blood counts are still very low and I'm still anemic. Last week I started to get an itchy rash on my hands and a sty on my eyelid. Fun times.

The meals have been great, but not doing soup much now that I don't have sores in my mouth. Nothing too rich because that doesn't do well with my stomach.

Last chemo is April 21st, then first surgery will be about a month later."

~Pastor Lisa

Thank you to all who have been helping to supply Pastor Lisa with meals! We continue to supply meals on Tuesdays and Fridays as Pastor Lisa continues her battle with this nasty disease.

If you are interested in helping please go to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AF2AA0F5C43-meals>

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**Meals for the Horns:**

I sat down with Joan Horn and her family the other day (Friday 3/12). Joan was in great spirit and while frailer, still as lovely as ever. She shared how she is at peace and glad to have this time to share memories with family and friends.

After all Dave had been through, he appears to be doing very good. He shared that he has gained some weight back.

Surrounded by their children you could see there was lots of love!

So that the family may spend as much time together without having to worry about meal planning or preparation, we will be assisting the Horns on this journey by providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

If you are interested in helping please go to  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AF2AA0F5C43-meals1>

**Both** sign-ups can also be accessed by going to: [www.signupgenius.com/findasignup](http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup), then entering [wardschapel@verizon.net](mailto:wardschapel@verizon.net) into the space under **Search for a Sign Up**.

Thanks!  
Melinda Dettmer

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Stephen Ministries



Our Stephen Ministry program provides services to people who are hurting in many ways. If you just need someone to talk to, have lost a loved one, or are experiencing other losses, you can email or call me. We are here to help you.

Another service that is provided under Stephen Ministry is the mailing a set of four grief books in the course of a year to people who have lost a loved one. These books give the families the permission to grieve for as long as it takes and in a way that is best for them. If you need this service or know someone else who is, please let me know.

Pauline Reisberg

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***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

The Sunday School kids participated in a hand delivered Lenten activity. The kids marbled or sponge painted a cross on their t-shirt. They were then encouraged to wear the shirts to their Sunday school and youth group classes.

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  
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.

**Thank you:** Thank you for the many prayers, condolences and cards from everyone. I'm truly blessed for such a loving church family.

~Karen Jaeger

### **Feed My Sheep:**

Feed My Sheep is a Food Kitchen project sponsored by Wesley Freedom UMC and the Maryland Food Bank. We are one of many neighboring churches who participate in this program.

We have continued to serve members of the Eldersburg and surrounding communities the second Thursday of every month. Ever since COVID, we can no longer serve an in-house meal.

We are now preparing meals, packing them in returnable containers and grocery bags and distributing them to clients as they drive through the portico to pick them up. We have been serving around 80-85 meals each month. This past month we served 75 meals.

Thanks go out to all who have faithfully prepared and served. Thanks to Karen Jaeger, Joy Dryer, Lisa Ruff, Wayne Reisberg, Lynn Maclary, Carol Parker, and Pastor Cho.

These meals are available to anyone in the area on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you are interested in participating, you may call Wesley Freedom at 410-795-2777 on Monday to let them know which day or days you would like to pick up a meal. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Pauline Reisberg

**Carroll COAD:**

As the Chairman of Ward’s Chapel Community Outreach Program, I wish to report that Carroll County has formed a COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster). I know that the church property is in Baltimore County, but many of you live, work, and play in Carroll County.

The COAD is a group of organizations that link together to respond to various disaster scenarios. These organizations can be: faith-based such as UMCOR which helps with cleanup and restoration at a disaster site, governmental such as FEMA, or a Service Organization such as my Lions Club. I’m hoping that you can recognize the need for such organizations to get together prior to the disaster so that through coordination and communication, we can respond promptly and efficiently to a variety of disasters and incidents. The Carroll COAD wishes to do that and more. We envision also responding to food inequality and humanitarian concerns.

The problem is that Carroll COAD is still a fledgling organization. We have developed the skeleton of By-Laws and Application Processes, but we have few organizations to do the work. I am asking you to help me get other organizations involved. Are you part of a scout troop, service organization or government employee focused in Carroll County? Do you want to make a difference in your community? Can you represent your organization so that we band together?

Carroll COAD is having an organizational meeting at the end of the month. That is just the kick-off. Over the next year, I hope to grow the COAD into a sustainable organization. If interested in helping, contact me.

~Myron Horn



**Book review:**

“Keep Sharp-Build A Better Brain At Any Age” by Sanjay Gupta

I just finished reading his book and recommend it to everyone. It has practical ideas and is an easy read...and no, I am not receiving any kickback for recommending it.

Sanjay Gupta is a neurosurgeon and you may have also seen him on TV with news reports. In the Book he shares stories of the many people from around the world who are working to find a cure or a way to slow the progression of Alzheimer’s.

He talks about delaying the progression of cognitive decline by 2-3 years by simple lifestyle interventions-even if there is a family history of Alzheimer’s.

Since we know that Alzheimer’s starts decades before diagnosis, he gives a 12 week plan that everyone can benefit from.

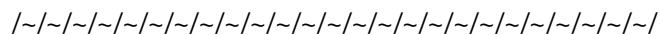
The plan is common sense and not hard to adapt to any lifestyle. He uses the acronym SHARP: Slash the sugar, Hydrate smartly, Add omega-3 from natural food sources, Reduce ports, Plan meals ahead (don’t get caught starving and then reach for junk food).

He emphasizes being physically active, learning something new, getting eight hours of sleep, being social and reaching out to others, eating a healthy diet...adding just one piece of fruit a day can help.

He also addresses what to do after a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and how to continue living a fulfilling life.

These are only the highlights of the book. I felt the book gives hope to everyone. It’s in our power to improve our lifestyle and our mental capacity.

~ Carol Parker



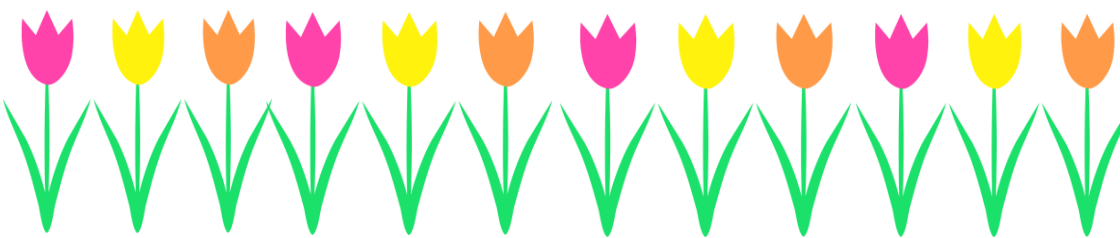

**Special Donations have been made to  
the Heritage Trust:**

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

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|                           |           |                                                                              |                                                                                                   | <b>1</b><br><br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>& Holy Thursday Svc.<br>7:00 PM  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                                                              |
| <b>4</b> <b>Easter</b><br> | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                                     | <b>7</b><br><br>Food Pantry<br>Donation Drop-off<br>4-6 pm                                        | <b>8</b><br><br>Feed My Sheep @<br>Wesley Freedom UMC<br>9 am-12:30 pm | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                                                             |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                                  | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><br>Church Council<br>7:00 PM                                   | <b>14</b><br><br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><br><b>Lamplighter<br/>           Deadline</b> | <b>15</b>                                                              | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am                                              |
| <b>18</b>                                                                                                  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><br>SPRC 7:00 pm                                                | <b>21</b>                                                                                         | <b>22</b>                                                              | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                                                             |
| <b>25</b>                                                                                                  | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><br>Star Fellowship<br>6:00 PM<br>at Reiter's<br>(Reisterstown) | <b>28</b>                                                                                         | <b>29</b>                                                              | <b>30</b> |  |

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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**

