



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter April 2022



I read this story a couple of years ago and want to share it with you:

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart." Then, in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman.

With a big smile, he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Children are an amazing and precious gift from God!

As we work on our Re-Formation project, I have meditated on the meaning of reforming our ministry. First, I think there was nothing wrong with our church. We have done so well and I am really enjoying every moment here at Ward's Chapel. Second, still, I have looked at the possibility that we may pay more attention to children and young families. I know we all are on the same page. We want young families and children in our Ward's Chapel community and there are still good opportunities here. Preschool families, neighbors, and families that you are interacting with are the ones with whom we share the love of God.

To make this happen, we are going to launch a Family-Friendly service next month. Once a month, we will invite our people and we will reach out to them with the value that our Lord has taught us. The service is open to all, even young children will sit with us. The message will be clear and brief, and we will welcome children and young families with their favorite songs, and more. There will be giggling sounds and friendly motions to welcome them during worship and activities. Of course, we love to hear the crying of babies as well. So, invite your neighbors and families to this monthly celebration. We all celebrate this time together for the first time on April 10th at 11:00 am. We will celebrate Jesus' coming by waving palms with our young children. Isn't it exciting?

Families can also join Sunday School at 9:45 am. The Sunday School egg hunt begins at 10:30 at the playground. There will be an additional egg hunt following the brief 11:00 Family-Friendly service.

Pastor Steven Cho

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:*
 - Easter dinner:
 - ham
 - cake mix
 - brownie mix



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!

PRESCHOOL



Dan and I ordered Chinese food recently and my fortune cookie said, "You are never too busy to have fun like a child." Really!

Totally true!

What better time to have fun than spring? Everything is fresh and new; we all want to be outside. It gives us hope and a newfound energy. Take the time to look around you this spring with the eyes of a child and you'll find how fun things can be!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Preschool Prize Palooza! It was a difficult year financially for the preschool and we were able to raise \$6,000! This will put a significant dent in our monthly deficit from low enrollment this year.

In April, our preschoolers will be learning about Easter before the mid-month break and then farms and zoos afterward. We'll be visiting Playtime Pastures (2s), and Spring Meadow Farm (3s & 4s) to learn about farm animals and planting. The first week in May, the 3s and 4s will be visiting the Maryland Zoo.

We will also have our annual vision screening by the Freedom District Lions Club this month.

Enrollment for next year is looking much better than this year. It's still early and we

already have as many children enrolled for next year as we did total for this year. We always pick up 10-15 new students between now and September, so it will be a good year again in 2022-23. God continues to bless us, even in difficult times!

Fondly,
Ms. Bridget

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



The Sunday School classes assembled 25 Easter baskets that were given to Shepherd's Staff in Westminster. Thank you to all who participated!

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be April 10 during Sunday School class around the playground. We will take some time out from our lesson to find eggs that the older Sunday School class hides for us. We will also have an Easter Egg hunt after the 11:00 am Family Friendly service. Both groups are invited to bring their Easter basket for the hunt. Bags will also be available.



We will NOT have Sunday School on Easter since there will be a Sunrise Youth led service and a 10:00 am service.

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
- Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living
- Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Lulu Karagozi – Lorien Encore
- 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. Thank you!

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Heifer Collection: We have resumed collecting change for Heifer on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Collection by the children will be resume.

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**Summer Camp:** The summer camps at West River and Manidokan 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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UMCOR is the United Methodist Church's worldwide mission, relief, and development agency. For the remaining Sundays in March, we are collecting through UMCOR, specifically for humanitarian response in Ukraine. This will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Ward's Chapel Mission Committee will match donations up to \$2,000. Please make checks payable to Ward's Chapel UMC, put "Advance #982450-Ukraine" on memo line, use the provided envelope, and place in the offering plate.

Help Needed: If anyone knows the combination to church file cabinets in the Fellowship Hall, please contact the office. Thanks!

Veteran Support Night: The Freedom District Lions Club wants all veterans to attend their Veteran Support Night on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm at the Sykesville American Legion. The meal will be catered by Mr. Jacks Catering. Please contact Lion Myron Horn for tickets. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

As part of the family of veterans, I would like to personally invite you to this banquet, please reply to me if you wish to come, Lion Myron Horn

Missions/Sunday School Project: On April 3, the Sunday School classes are going to plant tomato seeds with Ms. Pauline during class for a Missions/Sunday School Project for the Food Pantry. Once they are seedlings, all are invited on Friday, May 20th at 6:00 pm to replant and give to the Food Pantry families.

R. Wayne Feezer Scholarship: 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. Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the church office no later than May 1. The number of scholarships and the amount will be announced on the first Sunday in June.

Communion kits: For anyone wishing to participate from home, individual Communion kits are available for pickup before the first Sunday of each month outside the church. I can also mail them if it is not convenient to drive to the church. Please call or email the office if you would like some sent to you.

Coffee & Cars: Ward's Chapel will be hosting a Coffee & Cars event on April 23. All cars and owners with an emphasis on pre-1970 autos are welcome. Bring your car or just come by for a cup of coffee. Depending on interest, future meets will be on the last Saturday of each month. Lot open from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. We hope to see lots of interest!

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**Help us celebrate:** We want to celebrate the great things the people of Ward's Chapel are doing in our community! If you are involved in an activity at Ward's Chapel, please send any photos and a short description to the church office so that we can post to the church website and social media accounts. Please be mindful of including photos of minors as their parents may not want their images on public social media.  
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Thank you: To my church family - Thank you for the prayers, support and love you have provided my family and me during the last couple of months as we dealt with Stephen's illness and death. Your kindness and support have been deeply appreciated. Fondly, Bill Showman and family
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**Thank you:** Thanks to the Nurture Committee for preparing the Lenten bags. I appreciate the copy of the Lenten Devotional and it is a part of my daily readings. Also enjoying the candy hearts and little muffins. Many thanks also to Pauline Reisberg for taking time to deliver the Lenten bag to me. ~ Diana Balick  
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Special Donations have been made to the Capital Fund

In memory of Stephen Showman from:

- Barbara Charnock
- Donna Gill
- Clarabelle Gries
- Myron & Pam Horn
- Beverly Kram
- Carol Parker
- Wayne & Pauline Reisberg
- Beth & Randy Sandifer and Marlene Stivers
- Shirley Tucker
- The Showman family

A Special Donation has been made to UMCOR

for the KY Tornado Disaster Response from:
The Heritage Trust

We thank you all for your generosity to Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Coffee & Cars



Where: Ward's Chapel UMC

When: April 23

Lot open from
7:00 am until 10:00 am.

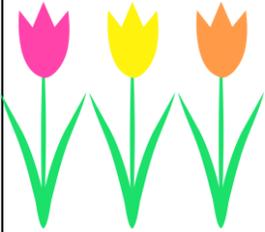
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Bring your car or just come by for a cup
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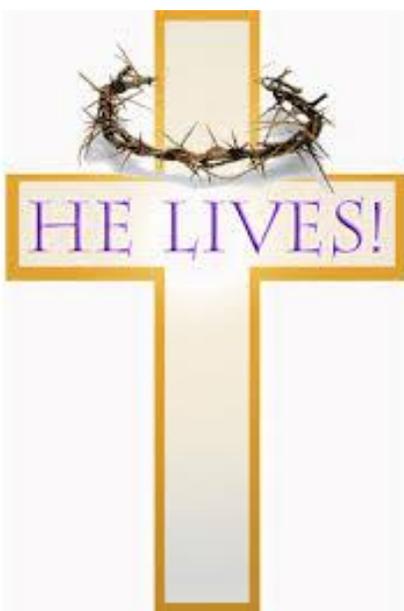


Depending on interest,
future meets will be
on the last Saturday
of each month.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Missions 7 pm	5	6 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	7 Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	8 4-H 7:00 PM	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School & egg hunt 11:00 Family Friendly Service & Egg hunt	11	12 Church Council (date and time TBD)	13 Bible Study 10:00 am (adult SS) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lamplighter Deadline	14 Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 10-1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	15 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm (hybrid)	16 Food Pantry 9am-11am
17 Easter Heifer Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Svc. 10:00 am Worship Svc.	18	19 SPRC 7:00 PM	20 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	21 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	22	23 Coffee & Cars 7am - 10 am
24	25	26 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm at County Cork	27 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	28 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	29	

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**Join us as we celebrate Easter
Sunday, April 17th**

Sunrise Service ~ 6:30 a.m.

Please join us around the cross on Easter morning
for a youth-led Sunrise Service
followed by breakfast
in the Fellowship Hall.

Traditional Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.

Please join us on the lower lot
for an outdoor worship service,
weather permitting.