



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter May 2020



The urban setting that I grew up in always praised the fast speed of life. In the eighties, while I was still at the high school, the whole society was satisfied with the outcomes, and entertained the quick changes and economic development. Especially, in Seoul, the small dense city populated by more than ten million residents with its satellite cities called 'quick response' the greatest virtue as a country's motto: "the quicker the better."

My seminary days, I used to be part of the different activities to meet the diverse need of the society. Then still things pressured me on these ministries; do 'as much as you can' and begin now if you can. A slogan of the study room vividly caught my memory with a hand-drawn clipart image of a bicycle with the saying 'You stumble not stop, if you do not pedal.'

This lifestyle has caused such a miraculous outcome. The systems of all areas of the country, such as economy, politics, culture and life-style, has drastically been improved. Even the mission of God has explosively grown. South Korea became the second missionary-sending country in a century, following the United States.

In this quarantine period, I have had more time in reflection, thinking and meditating on my life. As a matter of fact, I was required to 'stay at home'; in my limited space, small and inconvenient. A trifle stressed. But interestingly, I feel my eyes become more and more open. Just like turning a page of my pictorial, I have a time to recall the memory that I have walked, and a precious piece of life celebration. My ears listen to the small and tiny whisper of the spirit. It's an intense experience that I have forgotten for a long time.

Still my conscious echoes some critical key words, like 'hurry', and brings me some guilty feelings while I take some breaks, more than a moment to take a deep breath. But this 'lock in' experience teaches me that it's not always true, 'keep pedaling, unless you want to fall behind'. Rather, if I stop, then I should enjoy the scenery as taking some rest. It's also a meaningful way of communication with our creator, the eternal God, and the Lord of life.

Why don't we have a deep breath now, feeling the touch of the One who made all?

Pastor Steven

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

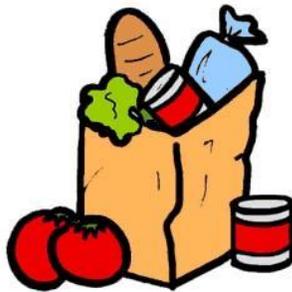
MISSIONS

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your support. We appreciate all of your donations, prayers, and time.

There will be a collection date for food on May 7th from 11-1. As before people can drop off any time before that. Please refer to the online list or buy from our current needs list:

Jelly
Dry soup packets (ramen)
Canned soup
Canned potatoes
Cereal
Boxed rice and potatoes
Canned meats (salmon, ham, sausages, etc)
Breakfast bars



We have had requests for laundry detergent, kids snacks/drinks (we have lots of fruit packs)

Please remember to check expiration dates if you are donating from your pantry

Contact Wendy Miller for more info.

NURTURE

Our Nurture Committee, with the help of a few others, have been busy staying connected with our church family through the greeting card mailing.

Thank you to Carol Parker, Barb Charnock, Cindy Chambers, Pauline & Wayne Reisberg, Kristen Jones, Lisa Ruff, Joy Dryer, Donna Gill, Katie Dell and Stephanie Reissner for diligently helping to send out over 400 greeting cards to our church family. It's an act of love, doing God's work to help ensure every one of us knows we are NOT alone!

Please save your greeting cards to drop in the basket in the narthex when we can get back together.

Looking towards the future at GRADUATION!

We keep hearing on the news how many graduating classes will not be able to have a commencement service to honor their achievement. The church usually honors its graduates during a church service. But we would like to do something a little extra special this year.

Of course, nothing definite can be planned until we know when we will be allowed to re-open the building and be together.

In the meantime, we need to compile a complete list of ALL High School and College Graduates. Parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, friends etc., if you know of someone from our church family graduating from High School or College this year, please email the church office (wardschapel@verizon.net) the following info:

- 1) name
- 2) institution from which the student is graduating & degree,
- 3) honors & awards they received,
- 4) what's next? (another degree? job? volunteering? mission trip?)

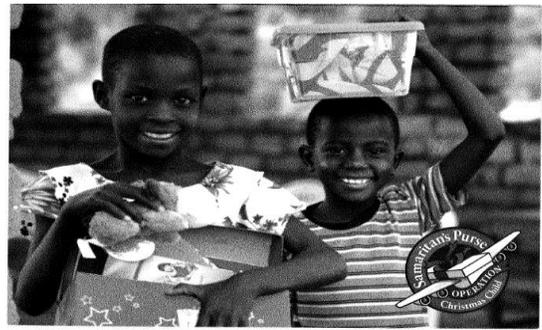
Also, we are asking for ideas you may have as to how we can make this a special graduation event and seeking volunteers who would be able to assist in this event. Please let the office or Melinda know.

Thank you.

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 – New Life Assisted Living
Janet Feezer – at home
Lulu Karagozi – Encore Marriottsville
Margaret Hare – at home
Mary Libby Green – at home
Millie Reisberg – Brinton Woods



a special note

from an Operation Christmas Child volunteer

Dear church family,

I wanted to thank you and your church for participating in the Operation Christmas

Child Ministry! Because of your donations in the past, OCC was able to supply children that may not have heard of

Jesus Christ, with a 12 week discipleship course. Millions have received Christ as their Savior and have grown their faith.

We hope you will partner with us again in 2020. If we can be of help to you as you plan for the shoe box season. We can help you with resources and even send a speaker if you would like. God Bless, Betty Davis - year round volunteer

davisbetty122@gmail.com

"Declare His glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE HORNS:
Dave and I would like to thank all of our friends and family at Ward's Chapel for all of the wonderful cards, and for their thoughts and prayers during our recent illnesses. They meant so much to us and filled our hearts with love. A special thank you to Pastor Cho for his visits, prayers and phone calls to check up on us. We love all of you and pray that you are staying healthy during this crazy time in history. God Bless you. ~ Joan Horn

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If you do not have email or internet access
call the church office at 410 922 6556
to be placed on a weekly mailing list
for the Pastor's sermon summary.