



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter May 2021



We are the United Methodists.

After John Wesley experienced conversion, John and his colleagues developed the new ways of Christian life. This was the beginning of our Methodist denomination. They began forming special practices and followed strict guidelines. They regularly met at their group meetings and pursued a holy life. They received communion every week, fasting, abstaining from most forms of amusement and visited sick and poor people. Then, people began calling them *Methodist* because of the way they used *rule* and *method* to go about their religious affairs.

John Wesley was a priest who belonged to the Church of England. He had a special passion for God and constantly looked at the faithful ways to serve God. However, he could not be satisfied with the tradition or the teaching that he had followed in the Church of England. Rather John Wesley thought he was not faithful and even preached without confidence. He constantly prayed to God, "Lord, help my unbelief."

In 1738, one day he attended a meeting in Aldersgate, and heard one person reading from Luther's preface to the Epistle to Romans. And he felt something strange. In his diary, he wrote, ". . . I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Now, over 80 million people live under the name of Methodists and over 200 million Christians from Methodist-related denominations have been influenced by the life of John Wesley.

Then what makes us Methodists? And how much do you know about our precious tradition?

As a Methodist pastor, personally I have been so proud of several teachings from John Wesley: the power of Grace that can make possible to save all and the life pursues holiness. In other words, the openness to all the people who desire God, and constant effort to make the kingdom of God, these are the major two focuses of the Methodist teaching, I believe.

Now, we are preparing for re-opening. It should not be just opening the church doors again. It is time for re-visioning for our church future and develop new strategies to reach out our community and neighbors. To do this, I will work on two things. One is the re-visioning process with our church leaders. Secondly, I will focus on Methodist solutions. I truly believe that God has already given us some clues to deal with current tasks and challenges of our congregation. And I am sure that our tradition and Methodist heritage will provide us with great insights and solutions.

This Summer 2021, as we are preparing for the future of the Ward's Chapel community, let's pay more attention to know who we are, and how we handle our tasks as Methodists.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

Finance

During 2021, we plan to compare Offering and Expense to 2019 levels (pre-pandemic) to assess our financial position as we attempt to return to normal. Overall our Expense level is very good with a reduction of \$2,640 as compared to 2019. Offering is running \$7,708 behind 2019 for the first three months. This reduction is not related to reduced giving by current membership but due to members we have lost over the past two years. Even with this reduced Offering our cash surplus remains strong and we are in good financial condition.

Bill Showman, Chair

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***Trustees***

Like so many committees, after a year's hiatus the Trustees were able to meet in March. The first project we will be tackling will be having shelving built in the Fellowship Hall closet for the Food Pantry. From the same contractor, we have are having custom cabinets built for the corner of the hall to hold other church group items such as the Funeral, Roast Beef Supper, and Cookie Bake Committees and Liberty Good Timers supplies. These cabinets will match the window valances created by Lynn Maclary.



Other projects include getting an estimate on having both the upper and lower parking lots re-sealed to extend their use by a few more years. We will be having the floors stripped and waxed this spring/summer, fixing the

downspout at the east end of the building, and having the sidewalk at the front of the building repaired.

As we are able to get back in the building, if you should find anything that is in need of attention, please don't hesitate to bring it to a Trustees member's attention.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, May 3 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Spring!

Bridget Wetzel

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**PROGRAM MINISTRIES**

***MISSIONS***

***Food Pantry***

A huge thank you for all of the donations to the Food Pantry!

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 regular needs list:

- 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

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.

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Yard Sale

Reminder: We are going to start collecting items for the yard sale beginning the first Sunday in June.

Our yard sale will be September 25th with a rain date of October 2. This year we will have a plant table so any cuttings and repotted plants that can be donated will be sold, as well as used pots and other accessories.

Wendy Miller
Missions Chairperson

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### **NURTURE**

Greeting Card Ministry: In May, the Nurture Committee plans to re-start the greeting card mailings to shut-ins, sick and missing members. Please look for updates in the weekly announcements.

Thank you,  
Melinda Dettmer

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Stephen Ministries

This is an article posted in the Care Mail Newsletter from Stephen Ministry, St. Louis:

“People sometimes ask, ‘Why is it called Stephen Ministry?’ I recently spoke with a woman whose story about how she learned about Stephen Ministry gives a great answer:

‘I’d been noticing how our pastor has been struggling to meet all the needs for care in our congregation by himself. It was a challenge before, and the pandemic and social distancing have only made it harder.

I knew he needed some help, and that got me thinking about Stephen in the Bible. I thought, *We need a ministry like what Stephen did. Maybe there’s something like that out there already.*

So I went online and searched “Stephen + Ministry,” and that’s when I discovered a ministry with that name already existed!”



I thought it was neat that she discovered Stephen Ministry through its namesake—Stephen, one of the first laypeople commissioned by the apostles to care for the community of believers in Acts 6.

Just as Stephen helped to meet the growing needs of the early church, Stephen Ministry expands the caring capacity of congregations. And just as Stephen shared the spirit of Jesus, so Stephen Ministry brings Christ’s healing love to those who are hurting.

That’s where Stephen Ministry gets its name, and that’s what it’s all about—carrying on the spirit of Stephen.

If you or someone you know are in need of a Stephen Minister, please contact me.

Pauline Reisberg

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## **PRESCHOOL**

We're coming back! We hope...



The preschool held registration for the 2021-22 school year in late March. At this time, we have 63 spaces filled – 15 of 36 two-year-olds, 26 of 42 three-year-olds, and 22 of 36 four-year-olds. After having been closed for this school year, we feel as though this is a good start toward next year.

Unfortunately, one staff member has chosen to retire and another will be pursuing self-employment. Three other staff members have asked to have their hours reduced. That leaves us several staff members short for the upcoming school year and we're working hard on finding replacements.

I know that Donna and I are looking forward to returning to the preschool in the fall and getting everything 'back to normal'.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer and hope that we have more to report in August!

Ms. Bridget

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

As the typical Sunday School and Youth Group year comes to a close, we could look back and say, "Wow, this year was a bust", but was it really?? Our classes gathered on Zoom throughout the year and at this point are starting to meet outside. We enjoyed Christmas Zoom parties and the younger Sunday School class participated in an Easter Egg Hunt. We made 50 Easter baskets for kids and donated them to Shepherd's Staff. We made cross t-shirts during Lent and they were shown on our Ward's Chapel Facebook page. We also plan an outside church clean-up day in May. It may have been different, but with a booming NO, this year was not a bust. We enjoyed fellowship, learned that we are strong, and most importantly, God is ALWAYS with us, no matter

the situation.

Thank you to all teachers: Lisa Ruff, Gabriella Palmer, Karen Jaeger, Mike Blank, Ron Weller, Laurie Bateman and Gerard Oakley for their dedication and creative planning this year. We look forward to seeing our kids back in a "normal" setting this fall as we gather together and appreciate all our blessings.

**Sunday School Clean-up day:** The Sunday School classes will be cleaning up around the church and parking lots on Saturday, May 1 at 9 am.

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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## **LOSSES IN THE WARD'S CHAPEL FAMILY**

***Joan Horn***

***November 19, 1947 – March 28, 2021***

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you:** Many thanks to all who made the Holy Week bags that were delivered to people home bound due to health issues. It was nice to be remembered and am thankful for everything that was included that added to the on-line Worship Services. It was also a fun activity to plant the seeds and watch them grow. I planted 3 seeds and 2 of them rooted and began to grow. I also enjoyed the sweet treats. Many thanks to Pauline and Wayne Reisberg for delivering my Holy Week bag to me.

~Diana Balick

**Unexpected Joy:** On Easter Sunday we decided to add more flowers on Butch's grave and we were pleasantly surprised to find a painted rock depicting the three empty crosses. It had been placed on Butch's marker. I had heard that Lisa Stevens was painting rocks so I called her to say how much I appreciated the reminder that others were still thinking of Butch. Her suggestion was to pass on the rock to someone else I was thinking of and I will. What a nice surprise and idea! What a good reminder that "Because Jesus lives, Butch does too!!" Thank you, Lisa, for using your talents to lift up others. ~Carol Parker



**Thank you:** We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love we felt on Mom's passing.

The prayers, the cards and the food that was prepared meant so much to our family.

Our church family is amazing!! We will continue to praise God for the gift that was our Mom.

The Horn Family

**Feed My Sheep:** I thought it important to share a Feed My Sheep update from Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church.

"The Grab and Go procedure of sharing meals has been very successful...the guests are so grateful. A serving day never passes when someone doesn't express their thanks."

"From March 23, 2020 through March 31, 2021, 10,649 meals have been prepared in 149 days."

Wesley Freedom has covered the costs of all the sandwich meals, as well as the cost of their teams' prepared meals. As I stated in an earlier newsletter, Ward's Chapel has covered the costs for the monthly meals that our team provides.

Thanks again to our faithful members who have served monthly since October 2021.

Pauline Reisberg

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

June 6 is our recognition of graduates and we don't want to miss anyone. If you or a family member has graduated since last June or will be graduating this year, please contact the church office at [wardschapel@verizon.net](mailto:wardschapel@verizon.net). Please include the name of the graduate, the institution from which they are graduating, their honors/awards and future plans. Also, add any highlights your graduate wishes to share. We will be sharing this information with the congregation on June 6 and in the June Lamplighter.





*~ to Karen Jaeger for cleaning out the Fellowship  
Hall window wells.*

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**Special Donations have been made to
the Capital Fund:**

In memory of

Joan Horn

from:

Beverly Carter

Myron & Pam Horn

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

In memory of

Joan Horn

from:

Barbara Charnock

Bill & Pat Ellis

Ralph Fletcher

Donna Gill

Carol Parker & family

Nancy & Harry Parker

George & Patricia Reisberg

Jay & Cindy Reisberg

Cynthia Willard

Beverly Wharton

Doris & Sandy Wilson

Frank & Diane Bossle

Betty J. Roseberry

Ridge Engineering, Inc.

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May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship at 8:30 am & 10:00 am	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> 					1 Sunday School Spring Clean-up 9:00 am
2 10:00 am Outdoor Service <i>(weather permitting)</i>	3 Trustees 7:00 pm	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH) Food Pantry Donation Drop-off 4-6 pm	6 Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM	7	8
9 Worship at 8:30 am & 10:00 am	10	11 Finance 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	12 Bible Study 10:00 am (narthex) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lamplighter Deadline	13 Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 9 am-12:30 pm	14	15 Food Pantry 9am-11am
16 Worship at 8:30 am & 10:00 am	17	18 SPRC 7:00 pm	19 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	20	21	22
23 Worship at 8:30 am & 10:00 am	24	25 Star Fellowship 6:00 PM at Winfield Inn	26 Bible Study 10:00 am (FH)	27	28	29

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Indoor worship services
Sundays at 8:30 and 10:00 am. *Masks required.*

Outdoor worship service
first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am,
weather permitting.

Online resources
to view our worship service:

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