



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter June 2020



Weather is going to be whimsical this summer. I know during the transition between Spring and Summer, usually the temperature varies up and down. But this summer is going to be scorching hot and more hurricanes are expected in June, the media brays.

I still remember the last Sunday when we actually met at the church sanctuary and worshipped together, I was wearing long sleeves and a warmer jacket. Now we have summer. Two months of staying home has already changed our clothes and outfits. It means that the season of Easter is over, and Pentecost comes.

Pentecost probably is one of the Christian concepts that has often been misunderstood. In our church history, even our recent memories about the 'Pentecostal' movement, we tend to understand powerful, and recall even strange practices including the revival movement, the Great Awakening, tent revivals and etc., full of praise and worship, songs, enthusiastic preachers, and prayer. And Christians have said that they experienced amazing miracles and the presence of the Holy Spirit. People shared their born-again testimonies and patients were healed through these passionate gatherings. Even the first two chapters of Acts in the New Testaments (which mainly describes the work of the Holy Spirit through devoted Christians in the first century) explain what actually happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the people. The same powerful images were depicted. Strong, powerful, and radical response of the new converts without any fear.

This sounds a little bit masculine. Speaking out-loud, standing against the threats, enduring persecutions for the gospel, and sending out missionaries to unknown cities. Yes, it was a powerful movement. Nevertheless, there are some opposite opinions in the Christian history. It was powerful, and brought huge impact, but it did not last long. Azusa street, (one of the recent revival movement of the US), and other Pentecostal movement across the world, continued for only one or two generations.

Then where is the work of the Holy Spirit found within us? Is the Holy Spirit not working anymore?

The spirit of God works all the time. Maybe we do not see the people were raised from their wheelchairs, and we do not hear any 'speaking in tongues' in our prayer meeting. But the spirit is still working within us. So, recent theologians and scholars have paid more attention to the feminine characteristics of the Holy Spirit: a nurturing and refreshing Spirit. It maintains our heart and keeps us in faithful and loving relationship with God.

During this pandemic environment, we sometimes feel frustrated and helpless. But remember the spirit of God, and how it has created new energy inside our heart, not simply the energy to break, and to stand against, but the energy of refreshing, nurturing, enduring, and comforting. So, trust in God and the work of the Holy Spirit in this difficult and unprecedented period. It will bring us heavenly comfort and true peace from God.

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

Please see the full-page chart near the end of the newsletter.

Bill Showman, Chair

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 sometime the 1st week of June. Please watch the Facebook page and website for a donation drop-off date. Please refer to the online list or buy from our current needs list:

- Baked beans**
- Canned mixed vegetables or other vegetables besides corn and green beans**
- Canned potatoes**
- Mac and cheese**
- Canned fruit**
- Canned chili and pasta meals (spaghetti-o's , etc)**
- Jelly**
- Toilet paper**

We are also looking for hand sanitizer, condiments such as ketchup, mayo, mustard, bbq sauce, salsa, salad dressings as well as cooking oils.

We have some people that come to us with diabetes and we can always use no sugar/substitute sugar variety of items

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



We have very generous congregation members who have donated money for us to purchase supplies as well as access to the Missions budget. I am able to take special requests from our patrons and get them things we wouldn't normally have (coffee, tea bags, dog food) and place an Aldi order for delivery. I also realize, that especially during this troubled time, many of you want to do your part by contributing items from the list as you do your own shopping.

We are very thankful that we have such an amazing community of support! Thanks for any and all of the ways you help with this project.

Wendy Miller
Missions Chairperson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers who participated in our quarantine Sunday School Classes. Even though we were not together physically, we found a way to communicate and share God's word through email and Zoom. Plus, we had fun! Your dedication, hard work and attendance was truly appreciated! Who knows what the Fall will bring, but whatever happens, we know that we are a church family and will continue to grow and learn about God together.

In addition, Wayne Reisberg is retiring from his high school teaching position. Thank you, Wayne, for the knowledge and commitment you have shared with the High School Class over many years.

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.

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

LOSSES IN THE WARD'S CHAPEL FAMILY

Jack Balick

December 15, 1938 - May 08, 2020



~ to those who cleaned up the water after the recent hot water tank leak and also re-boxed the yard sale goods

~ to Jacob Miller for putting the flags out in the cemetery

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



College Graduates:

Kristen Horn, wife of Daniel Horn, is graduating from Towson University with a Bachelor's degree of Science in Biology with a concentration in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation. She is looking to pursue a career as a Conservation Biologist and continuing her research in Conservation Genetics. Kristen is the daughter-in-law of Dave and Joan Horn.

Munya Mangwende graduated from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. He acquired a BA in Psychology with a minor in Economics. He was a 4-year Letterman in the school football program. He was one of the founding members of the school's Black Students Union (BSU). He was Vice-Chair for the BSU. He helped the organization win The Dignity of Difference award and The Outstanding New Student Program award for creating it. He was a volunteer for Kids Against Hunger. Munya starts graduate school for an MBA in August at UMGC. He also starts a management position with Amazon in Chicago in September. Munya is the son of Farai & Prisca Mangwende.

Eric Weller graduated from Frostburg State University with a 4.0 GPA. He received a Master's degree in Recreation and Parks

Management. He currently works at Piney Run Park where he is a Senior Park Assistant. He continues to pursue a career in Recreation and Parks Management. Eric is the son of Ron & Julie Weller.

Maura D. Wetzel graduated with a BFA in Stage Management from University of North Carolina School of the Arts. She was Student Body President (for Grad, Undergrad, and HS), she was on the UNCSA Board of Trustees, the College Advisory Board of Winston-Salem, the Chancellor Search Committee, and the Provost Search Committee. Maura was awarded a fellowship at the Keenan Institute of the Arts for Fall/Winter 2020. Maura is the daughter of Dan & Bridget Wetzel.

High School Graduates:

Catherine (Cassie) Dawn Horn is graduating from Manchester Valley High school. She took several semesters of Child development and is hoping to pursue a career in childcare as an assistant and eventually as a teacher. She was scheduled to work through an internship this summer in a childcare center near her home, but the internship was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cassie is the daughter of Daniel Horn and the granddaughter of Dave and Joan Horn.

Zachary Jones is graduating from Liberty High School. He was a Member of the International Thespian Society. He will be attending McDaniel College, majoring in Criminal Justice. Zachary is the son of Stephen & Kristin Jones.

Seiler Ezekiel Oakley, is graduating from Liberty High School. While attending Liberty, he was a member of National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, soccer team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, fishing club, and played in several bands where he was section leader for lower brass. Seiler plans on attending Washington College in the fall where he will be an Environmental Science Fellow. He has received several scholarships including an academic scholarship, an environmental fellowship scholarship, Mr. C Service to Liberty Award scholarship, Trumpower scholarship, State Delegate Warren Miller scholarship and R. Wayne Feezer scholarship. Seiler is the son of Gerard & Debra Oakley.

August Winslow Olson “Auggie”, son of Shannon and John Olson, grandson of Nancy and Harry Parker and great-grandson of Bea Feezer will graduate June 11, 2020 from Kecoughtan High School, Hampton, VA. August participated on the swim team all four years and received many accolades for his art work including city-wide art shows. August plans to attend Roanoke College in Salem, VA., as a Legacy Student.

Auggie missed beginning his academic years at Ward's Chapel Preschool, due to his family's relocation to Virginia, although August was baptized at Ward's Chapel. August is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, in Hampton, VA. We are so proud of August!

Addison Stacho is graduating from Liberty High School in June 2020. She received an Academic letter for maintaining an unweighted 4.0 GPA throughout high school, a Scholastic gold key award for art and writing, and is a member of NHS, NHSDA and NAHS. Addison is pursuing a degree in Nursing. Addison is the daughter of Greg & Tammi Stacho.

Brian Weller is graduating from Liberty High School. During his high school years, he was a four-year member of the soccer team, where in his Senior year, the Lions won the County Championship. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Rho Kappa Honor Society, USO Club and German Club. He has received the Shippensburg Raider Success Award, John L. and Cora I. Grove Business Scholarship, Howard Glen and Audrey G. Benson Trumpower Foundation Scholarship and The R. Wayne Freezer Memorial Scholarship. Brian will attend Shippensburg University in the fall as a member of the Woods Honors College, where he will major in Accounting. Brian is the son of Ron & Julie Weller.

**R. WAYNE FEEZER
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**



The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to the following recipients for the 2020–2021 academic year. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success:

Amanda Blank

Melanie Blank

Munya Mangwende

Rumbi Mangwende

Emily (Nupp) Sargent

Olivia Oakley

Seiler Oakley

David Palmer

Sarah Perkins

Addison Stacho

Brian Weller

Kevin Weller

Jenna Winand

The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship offered by Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church was established by Jack and Bea Feezer to honor the memory of their son Wayne, an active lifetime member of the Church. The Memoir, A Life Well-Live, Well-Loved, Well-Earned, written by John F. Feezer, Jr., the Benefactor of over 125 scholarships awarded to students of Wards Chapel, since 2002 is a way to learn about the lives of Jack and Bea Feezer who continue to make scholarships and many charitable contributions possible. For a copy of the Memoir, please send a \$25 tax-deductible

donation payable to the R. Wayne Feezer Foundation, 6699 Chateau Bay Ct, Sykesville, MD 21784.

We hope to hold a reception to recognize this year's scholarship recipients once the restrictions on gatherings are lifted and it is once again safe for us to meet as a congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please let the congregation know that I have received several cards and letters from members of Ward's Chapel. I really appreciate the love coming my way. All is well at the Hutchins compound. Started attending a church in Westminster then the virus hit. Just wanted to let y'all know all is well. Love to all.

In His name
Dave Hutchins

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We are excited to announce that Rumbi has been accepted into Cornell University fulfilling her dream to attend an Ivy League school! She transfers into her sophomore year starting this August (fingers crossed schools reopen and campus life comes back this fall!). She is grateful for the support she got from the church as she experienced an intellectual and social awakening at Loyola during her freshman year.  
~Farai & Prisca Mangwende

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**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of April 2020**

**YTD Financial Summary:**

Overall as of April 2020 we are in a very strong financial position. Our cash reserve is \$38,227. Blding & Grounds expense is \$4,873 less than the prior year. This reduction is related to two large repairs (\$1,000 each) for mechanical issues in 2019 and the very mild winter eliminated the need for parking lot clearing. General offering is up significantly from 2019 (\$15,883) however, two families submitted their full 2020 pledge in March of this year. Adjusting for this our offering would be \$2,000 less then 2019. Considering having only on-line services for the past month and a half this shortfall is very positive.

The reduced expense shown on Pastoral/Staff/Office relates to not funding the Pastor's medical and pension charges from the Conference. The Conference has waived this charge for all churches for a three month period due to COVID-19.

The church and pre-school staffs are being paid their full salaries during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. We applied for the Federal Payroll Protection Plan and have received the funds. These funds will cover eight weeks of any salary we pay. (Church and Pre-school impact will be approximately \$25,000 and \$20,000 respectively)

May outlook - Based on offering received for first three weeks of May (\$9,770) we should anticipate a \$12,000 reduction to our cash reserve after paying May expenses and see a similar trend for June. This deficit will be offset by our PPP loan.

|                                        | <b>April YTD Amounts</b> |                  |                    |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                        | <u>2019</u>              | <u>2020</u>      | <u>Incr/(Decr)</u> |              |
| <b>Total Gifts (sources):</b>          |                          |                  |                    |              |
| Offering                               | \$ 66,224                | \$ 82,107        | \$ 15,883          | 24.0%        |
| Other Donations (note 1)               | 6,750                    | \$ 6,750         | -                  | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b> | <b>\$ 72,974</b>         | <b>\$ 88,857</b> | <b>\$ 15,883</b>   | <b>21.8%</b> |
| <b>Expense:</b>                        |                          |                  |                    |              |
| Blding/Grounds                         | \$ 21,735                | \$ 16,862        | \$ (4,873)         | -22.4%       |
| Ed./Ministry                           | \$ 1,589                 | \$ 2,082         | 493                | 31.0%        |
| Apportionments                         | \$ 11,179                | \$ 11,992        | 813                | 7.3%         |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office                  | \$ 57,880                | \$ 56,657        | (1,223)            | -2.1%        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <b>\$ 92,384</b>         | <b>\$ 87,592</b> | <b>\$ (4,791)</b>  | <b>-5.2%</b> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <b>\$ (19,409)</b>       | <b>\$ 1,265</b>  | <b>\$ (20,674)</b> |              |
| <b>Available Cash on Hand</b>          |                          | <b>\$ 38,227</b> |                    |              |

*note 1 - other donations consist of Preschool funding of \$750 per month while school is in session, Parsonage Endowment of \$3,750 at the end of each quarter and other one time gifts.*

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for the Pastor's sermon summary.