



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter June 2021



Learning a new language does not simply mean having a new tool for effective communication, but I also should learn about *life* and the *people* that I am living with. What made me confused, however, is that there are a lot of different words, but pointing at almost the same meaning. I know, diverse words of expression with different nuance can fully stimulate our sense of expression, and literary sensibility. But it is so hard to memorize different expressions. Look at these words: love, compassion, affection, and adoration. These sound like different words, but I feel they are pointing at basically one meaning. Don't you think?

I am glad I am not the only one who gets in trouble using different terms. In the Bible, there are four different words that we have translated as *love*. **First is eros.** Romantic love; erotic desire; intimacy; infatuation with another's beauty. **The second is agape.** It sounds familiar. It is unconditional, self-sacrificial love; charity. God's unconditional, self-sacrificial love for humankind and humankind's love for a good God and for others. **The third is philia.** It is brotherly love; friendship; affection and regard for and loyalty to friends, family, and community. The word philosophy is a good example, it is philia(love) + sophia (wisdom), meaning *loving wisdom*. **The last one is storge** which is familial love; affection; natural empathy for one's family, country, or team.

In John chapter 21, you see an interesting conversation with Jesus and Peter. The risen Christ asked Peter about how much he loved Jesus three times.

In the Greek text, Jesus asked him first, "Do you love (agapao, agape) me?" Then he answered, "Yes, I love (phileo, philia) you." Then again, Jesus asked him (agapao), Peter answered, "Yes I love (phileo) you." Surprisingly, Jesus asked him the same question, but this time the Bible used *phileo*. Peter was so confused because Jesus asked three times, but it was basically the same question. Peter answered, "Yes, you know that I dearly love (phileo) you."

Some preachers and scholars have paid too much attention to these terms and interpreting that Jesus asked three times because Peter simply understood the message of love as 'philia'.

Then, what do you think?

Me? I do not know. First of all, Jesus was speaking Aramaic, and the Greek version is the first translated narrative. Second of all, to my knowledge, love is love. In this passage, Jesus is teaching us, *love, love and love*.

Now, we are facing a drastic change. We open our services again, and we feel like we have almost gotten through the depressing and dark tunnel. It's time to show our genuine message to the world. What is the message? Jesus wants us to remember this word.

Love, love, love.

Do you listen?

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

Finance

Please find the latest update near the end of the newsletter.

Bill Showman, Chair

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
- *condiments for backyard BBQs---ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, and salad dressing*

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*

September Yard/Plant Sale to support the Food Pantry is coming September 25th (rain date October 2nd)! We will begin to collect CLEAN, UNBROKEN ITEMS on the first Sunday of June. Please do no donations of stuffed animals or pillows!

Students can receive service hours for helping, please contact Wendy Miller if you would like to help. Any adults that would like to help set up, break down, or work during the sale may also contact Wendy Miller.

PLANT SALE INFO: Plants became a big deal while we were all shut up in our homes. If you have plants--indoor or outdoor that you can separate, take cutting from, or want to get rid of, please consider donating to our plant sale. We are accepting clean pots and planters as well. We will take small trees, perennials and bulbs. WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING PLANTS UNTIL THE WEEK BEFORE THE SALE!

Interested in starting or facilitating a group of Young Adults (18-30)? Please thoughtfully pray for this mission for our members who are starting their adult journey. I'd love to hear ideas from members of this age group, or anyone willing to get something started for them. Contact Wendy Miller, Missions Chairperson.



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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 Karagozi – Encore Ellicott City
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home

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**LOSSES IN THE WARD’S CHAPEL FAMILY**

***Yvonne Boyd***

***December 31, 1937 - May 21, 2021***

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COVID Task Force Update:** As we continue to evaluate the latest issues concerning COVID 19, please consider wearing a mask if you are not fully vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable doing so. Also, please be respectful and considerate of everyone wearing masks, especially our youth and children that remain unvaccinated. Thanks to everyone for your continued understanding and cooperation as we move in a positive direction.

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Recognition: Our June 6 outdoor service will include a recognition of service for Bev Carter, recognition of our graduates and recognition of the R. Wayne Feezer Scholarship recipients. Please plan to attend to celebrate all of these accomplishments!

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**Worship Schedule update:** We will be switching to a summer schedule of one service each Sunday at 10:00 am beginning in July through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.

# Angel Wings



*~ to Keiler Brian for organizing the building of the new shelves in the FH closet. Thanks, Keiler!*

*~ to Greg Stacho & the crew from Akehurst for making the landscaping look great!*

*~ to Shirley, for keeping the COVID attendance for services, and watching over lock-up of the church.*

*~ to the graduate celebratory tour group for helping our graduates celebrate their achievements.*

Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of Apr 2021

**YTD Financial Summary:**

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. 2020 had reduced expenses due to total shut down for several months and Offering gift receipts also did not follow normal giving patterns. Several members gave their total annual gifts early in the year to help offset shortages during our shutdown.

Offering has decreased 2% (\$1,279) from 2019.

Expense continues to trend as expected which is favorable to 2019.

We continue to maintain a strong cash reserve balance due to the December 2020 R Wayne Feezer Foundation gift.

|                                        | <u>Apr YTD Amounts</u> |                  |                    | <u>Incr/(Decr)</u>    |                         |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                        | <u>2019</u>            | <u>2020</u>      | <u>2021</u>        | <u>2019 to 2021</u>   | <u>2020 to 2021</u>     |
| <b><u>Total Gifts (sources):</u></b>   |                        |                  |                    |                       |                         |
| Offering                               | \$ 73,967              | \$ 82,107        | \$ 72,688          | \$ (1,279) -2%        | \$ (9,419) -11%         |
| Other Donations (note 1)               | \$ 6,750               | \$ 6,750         | \$ 5,550           | (1,200) -18%          | (1,200) -18%            |
| <b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b> | <u>\$ 80,717</u>       | <u>\$ 88,857</u> | <u>\$ 78,238</u>   | <u>\$ (2,479) -3%</u> | <u>\$ (10,619) -12%</u> |
| <b><u>Expense:</u></b>                 |                        |                  |                    |                       |                         |
| Blding/Grounds                         | \$ 21,735              | \$ 16,862        | \$ 17,675          | \$ (4,060) -19%       | \$ 813 5%               |
| Ed./Ministry                           | \$ 1,589               | \$ 2,082         | \$ 2,446           | 857 54%               | \$ 364 18%              |
| Apportionments                         | \$ 11,179              | \$ 11,992        | \$ 12,405          | 1,226 11%             | \$ 413 3%               |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office                  | \$ 57,880              | \$ 56,657        | \$ 56,082          | (1,799) -3%           | \$ (575) -1%            |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <u>\$ 92,384</u>       | <u>\$ 87,592</u> | <u>\$ 88,607</u>   | <u>\$ (3,776) -4%</u> | <u>\$ 1,015 1%</u>      |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <u>\$ (11,666)</u>     | <u>\$ 1,265</u>  | <u>\$ (10,369)</u> | <u>\$ 1,297</u>       | <u>\$ (11,634)</u>      |
| <b>Available Cash on Hand</b>          |                        |                  | \$ 46,052          |                       |                         |

*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.*

# June 2021

| Sunday                                                              | Monday | Tuesday                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                              | Friday | Saturday                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                                     |        | 1                                                   | 2<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)<br><br>Food Pantry<br>Donation Drop-off<br>4-6 pm                            | 3<br><br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM                                                | 4      | 5                                 |
| 6<br><br>10:00 am<br>Outdoor Service<br><i>(weather permitting)</i> | 7      | 8                                                   | 9<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (narthex)<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lampighter<br/>Deadline</b> | 10<br><br>Feed My Sheep @<br>Wesley Freedom UMC<br>9 am-12:30 pm                      | 11     | 12                                |
| 13<br><br>Worship at<br>8:30 am &<br>10:00 am                       | 14     | 15<br><br>SPRC 7:00 pm                              | 16<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                         | 17                                                                                    | 18     | 19<br><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am |
| 20<br><br>Worship at<br>8:30 am &<br>10:00 am                       | 21     | 22<br><br>Star Fellowship<br>6:00 PM<br>@ Salerno's | 23<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                         | 24                                                                                    | 25     | 26                                |
| 27<br><br>Worship at<br>8:30 am &<br>10:00 am                       | 28     | 29                                                  | 30<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am (FH)                                                                         |  |        |                                   |

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

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

**Online resources**  
to view our worship service:

Visit our website at [www.wardschapel.org](http://www.wardschapel.org)



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