



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter September 2020*



Even though the words of God taught us “there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9b), we know the whole world is changing now. The word, ‘new normal’ is not an alien term anymore.

Since last March, we have not met in person. I am sure that all of us miss the warm hugs and friendly touch after our Sunday service. I miss all of our in-person communication too. I have met only several church members mainly because they needed emotional and spiritual support. I could not touch or sit next to them, but every visitation could mean a lot and enough to deeply desire our gathering and sacred fellowship in Christ again.

We announced our short-term plan for re-entry. Our task force team has faithfully gathered virtually on Wednesday evenings and discussed every detail guideline. Still there are not significant changes of the numbers concerning Covid-19 confirmed cases, but we agree that we can move forward to the next step if we are following all the guidelines.

In September, we have two outdoor services planned. (9/13 and 9/27) Of course, this is a tentative plan, so we need to carefully pay attention to weather and also the Covid-19 situation. However, I cannot help smiling and feeling full of excitement as I dream of the moment that we all meet.

This is not a definite schedule yet. So please keep checking your emails and newsletter that inform you of any church updates.

Here are the basic things to remember:

1. Everyone should follow the guidelines including wearing masks, social distancing, etc. The service will be very short - around 30 minutes.
2. The church building will be closed during the outdoor service.
3. Worship will begin at 11 AM on 9/13 and 9/27. The online resource will be posted on YouTube, so that members who stay at home can also worship separately.

If you have any questions and suggestions, please contact church office, or Charlie Dell or Pastor Cho anytime.

I really appreciate your patience and full support. Thank you!

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.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES**

**FINANCE**

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

Bill Showman, Chair

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**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 sometime the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. 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:

- Disinfectant Wipes or Spray (Lysol)
- Cereal (many request Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios, and kids' cereal)
- Canned Chicken Breast
- Peanut butter
- Baked Beans
- Canned Veggies (other than green beans or corn)
- Canned Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Potato products in boxes or packets
- Kids Snacks and Drinks
- Toilet Paper

**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

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**NURTURE**

**Stephen Ministry:**

Our process has changed a bit since COVID19. We are keeping in touch with people in need by phone and by mail as well as praying for everyone. We have joined with the Nurture Committee to make sure all of our members are receiving notes of encouragement during this time, letting you know that we are here for you and that God loves you and is always present in your life.

I continue to send grief books to those who have lost loved ones. If there is anyone who you feel could benefit from the grief books, please let me know, and I will be glad to send them

Pauline Reisberg, Stephen Leader

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**PRESCHOOL**

After a great deal of consideration, the preschool will not be opening this fall. We considered the health of the children and their families, the staff and their families, as well as the logistics and financial impact of opening with limited enrollment and a truncated schedule and judged that it wasn't sensible or safe.

As of August, we are trying to come up with a plan to keep our preschool families connected to each other and us. Not every parent was born to be a teacher, so we try to give them ideas to keep their children engaged as well as work on the fundamentals that they are missing from being at preschool. Unfortunately, one of the primary concepts we work on at our preschool is the social and emotional development of our children. This is difficult to do when there isn't any interaction with their peers. Despite that, we will find a way to do what's best for our children.

We hope that the pandemic slows and that we will be able to open in January 2021. If not, we will look forward to the 2021-22 school year when we hope to open normally.

Ms. Bridget  
Director

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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.

- Bea Feezer – Fairhaven
- 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**

***Mildred Reisberg***

***December 24, 1932 – July 11, 2020***

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thank you**

It has now been one year since Dwight became ill with HSV-1 Viral Meningitis/Encephalitis, spending 5 and a half months in the hospital.

With the Coronavirus hitting shortly after discharge, recovery was limited. With your support and prayers, he is making very good progress.

He continues with physical therapy, but is now able to drive himself there, his memory continues to be sparked and the bed sore wound is closed and continues with the healing process.

We are Blessed and Thankful for our Church Family, our Family and many Friends.

Thankfully,  
Donna and Dwight Gill

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## ***CANCELLATIONS***

***for the remainder of 2020:***

*Church Yard Sale*

*Roast Beef Supper*

*Cookie Bake*

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## Feed My Sheep

We have been partnering with Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church in Eldersburg once a month for over 10 years to help feed the hungry in the greater Eldersburg community. Since we are unable to serve a full meal to people coming into the Community Center there, they have found other ways to provide meals.

Twice a week, Monday and Friday, volunteers come to make sandwiches, pack them and distribute them as community members drive through to receive them. On Wednesdays a full meal is prepared, packed, and refrigerated. Every Thursday the meals are distributed the same way. We are now volunteering on the second Thursday of each month from 11:00 – 12:30 (our regular day). We are asking for two volunteers each month to do the same. It is very safe and sanitary.

Thanks to Joy Dryer and Pastor Steven for volunteering this past month. Please prayerfully consider working a month in the future. Contact me and I can more fully explain the procedures.

If you would like to receive meals, you may contact Wesley Freedom at 410-795-2777. You may call on Monday to order for the week, all three days or just one day.

Pauline Reisberg

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## Upcoming 2020 Church Conference

1. Church Conference will be held on Zoom this year on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Just like we did last year, we will have a cluster gathering with five other congregations. There will be a devotional time together and we will make a presentation about our church ministries.
2. Ad Council in August decided to ask all the committee members to simply stay one more year due to the inconvenient process of Church Conference this year. So, we ask committee chairs to contact their members to ask if they would stay in the same position one more year. Technically we will not have a new class (especially, SPRC, Nomination, and Trustee), but it will be extended one more year. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Nomination chair, Pastor Cho.
3. All the documents and reports should be reviewed and voted on at the September Ad Council (9/8). So, if you have any agenda, please have your committee meeting before 9/8 and bring it to the Ad Council.
4. After September Ad Council, all the documents should be sent to the church office by September 23 as they have to be uploaded before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Special Donations:**

Since we have been unable to meet in person and peruse the usual weekly announcements, the special donations made since mid-March are as follows:

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

#### **In memory of Carolyn Sundberg from:**

Beverly Carter  
Myron & Pam Horn

#### **In memory of Clifford Carter on what would have been his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday from:**

Beverly Carter & family

#### **In memory of Clifford Carter from:**

Ellen Lee

#### **In memory of Jane & Ronald Espy from:**

Carolyn A. Espy

#### **A donation was made from Deer Park UMC upon their closing**

#### **In memory of Donald Woodruff from:**

John & Deborah Millirons  
Beverly Carter

#### **In memory of Butch Parker from:**

Myron & Pam Horn  
Keiler Brian  
Bev Carter  
Clarabelle Gries  
Shirley Tucker

Nicole & Todd Caple and Bernie Stallknecht

Dennis & Donna Epley  
Richard Garland  
Carol Puchyr  
Jane Foard  
Joan & Ted Fritz  
Rose Mary Albright  
Fred & Evelyn Cogswell  
Dave & Joan Horn  
Bob Turner  
Donna Gill  
Joyce A. Brozik  
Jean Haines

#### **In memory of Mildred Reisberg from:**

Beverly Carter

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

#### **In memory of Norma Hong from:**

Donna Gill

#### **In memory of Carolyn Sundberg from:**

Barb Charnock

#### **In memory of Fred & Myrtle Hoeltzel Willard Hoeltzel**

Walter H. & Emma M. O'Dell

Vin & Winifred Carey

from:

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Shepherd

#### **In memory of Donald Woodruff from:**

Shirley Tucker  
Jean Haines  
Beverly Kram  
Nancy F. Parker  
Charles & Doris Gamber  
Carol Parker  
Donna Gill  
Mary A. Wolf

#### **In memory of Butch Parker from:**

Nancy F. Parker  
Dorothy & Janis Miller  
Judith Opfer  
Duvall & Barbara Sollers  
Robert E. Miller Jr.  
Ken & Nancy Parker  
Bill & Pat Ellis

#### **In memory of Mildred Reisberg from:**

Carol Parker  
Shirley Tucker

#### **In memory of Kathy Snyder from:**

Ann Menning

Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of July 2020

YTD Financial Summary:

Overall we are in a strong financial position. As the chart shows below our cash balance is \$53,125. The PPP loan covered \$26,874 of expenses. Without the PPP loan our cash balance would be \$26,251. Assuming we receive government forgiveness of this loan we will be able to cover any shortfalls in offering if they occur.

General offering is up 2.2% (\$2,724) as compared to the same period from prior year. Other Donations consist of the standard Preschool and Parsonage Foundation gifts, PPP loan (\$26,874) and a \$2,500 gift from Deer Park UMC. (Due to COVID-19 the Preschool will not open until January 2021 and the monthly gift of \$750 from the preschool will be suspended until the school re-opens).

Our expenses continue to run lower then the prior year due to limited building use. All staff salaries are being paid at 100%.

	<u>July YTD Amounts</u>			
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u> without PPP	<u>Incr/(Decr)</u>
<u>Total Gifts (sources):</u>				
Offering	\$ 125,698	\$ 128,421	\$ 128,421	\$ 2,724 2.2%
Other Donations (note 1)	11,250	\$ 41,374	\$ 14,500	30,124 267.8%
<b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$ 136,948</b>	<b>\$ 169,795</b>	<b>\$ 142,921</b>	<b>\$ 32,848 24.0%</b>
<u>Expense:</u>				
Blding/Grounds	\$ 34,523	\$ 29,554	\$ 29,554	\$ (4,969) -14.4%
Ed./Ministry	\$ 3,070	\$ 2,661	\$ 2,661	(409) -13.3%
Apportionments	\$ 19,564	\$ 20,987	\$ 20,987	1,423 7.3%
Pastoral/Staff/Office	\$ 101,730	\$ 100,430	\$ 100,430	(1,300) -1.3%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 158,887</b>	<b>\$ 153,632</b>	<b>\$ 153,632</b>	<b>\$ (5,255) -3.3%</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (21,939)</b>	<b>\$ 16,163</b>	<b>\$ (10,710)</b>	<b>\$ (38,103)</b>
<b>Available Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 53,125</b>	<b>\$ 26,251</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.*

# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Church Council 7:00 PM (OUTSIDE)	9 Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am <b>Lampighter Deadline</b>	10 Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 11-12:30	11	12
13 11:00 AM Outdoor Church Service	14	15	16	17	18	19 Food Pantry 9am-11am
20	21	22 Star Fellowship 6:00 PM at J&P Pizza	23	24	25	26
27 11:00 AM Outdoor Church Service	28	29	30			



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online worship services:**  
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& to stay connected to other members:**  
**Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church**



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.