



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter October 2021



Re-Formation Meeting

“What made you feel excited?” “Tell me one thing that you love at Ward’s Chapel.”

The congregational meeting that we planned on Sep 12th, began with these questions, and was wonderfully led by our MC, Ron Weller. In the church narthex, after the service, 25 members gathered and shared their thoughts and ideas.

At the beginning, most of us talked about the ministries and mission and said we have done so well. Some praised the ongoing ministries of the church, such as the Preschool, the Food Pantry, Bible Study, and prayer meetings, and Stephen Ministry. Others pointed out the ministry that we have done with the local community, such as AA group, group meetings from outside church, the Yard Sale, the Cookie Bake, and Camp Hope.

Most of the members, and church leaders seem very satisfied with our current ministry and mission. And they complimented chairs and committee members for their continuous effort and love, and said thank you to the persons who have faithfully led their service for the wider community. It was a very comforting moment, and I was so glad that I am in this loving and caring community. One important discovery that I found was that many of church leaders became part of Ward’s Chapel family through the Preschool. Maybe this is a great hint to find the direction for the future of Ward’s Chapel. I am so glad that we began this process, and make a space that everyone can share their own ideas and thoughts about our future.

In spite of the great outcome and achievement in our community, there is a serious fact that shouldn’t go unnoticed. We are losing Sunday school children and their families. It will be more obvious at the point when the pandemic crisis is over. I believe our current plan will help to re-establish our church mission and ministry, and re-focus on the needs from our local community.

Again, this was just a presentation. We will invite a life coach to further our conversation twice this year, and twice next year. Thank you for all your participation and support.



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!

Please see the list below for our regular needs list plus the special needs for this month:

- 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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### NURTURE

Greeting Card Ministry: We have received many positive comments about the greeting card ministry and are pushing to keep it active. We had announced earlier this year that we would be offering the chance for you to send greeting cards every Sunday.



We will be utilizing the wooden glass top table in the Narthex to create a permanent station for sending greeting cards. At the station you will find blank greeting cards, address labels for those on our prayer, sick and shut in lists. In addition, a directory will be provided for the addresses of other members you may be wanting to send a cheery hello to.

Return address labels with the church's address will be provided. But please feel free to use your own address, if you like. Once you have sealed your signed card in the envelope and addressed it, place the completed card in the basket and we will take care of applying the postage and mailing them.

Remember, you may send to anyone you have been missing at church or thinking about. It is not limited to the ones the labels are provided for.

**Nurture Meeting:** The Nurture Committee will be meeting on Sunday, October 10 following the 11:00 am worship service. ALL are welcome to join!

We meet in the adult Sunday School room (Barb's) located next to the elevator in the Narthex.

We are always looking for new ideas of ways to Nurture the congregation and to make sure everyone feels included and a valuable part of the Ward's Chapel family. Our meetings are always open for drop ins or new suggestions.

This meeting, we will be working on the greeting card ministry to help keep it running smoothly.

We will also be discussing Welcome Bags for visitors to our church.

Please plan to join us!



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PRESCHOOL

Well, we made it through the first month virtually unscathed!

It's been an adjustment for the staff, children and their families after being away for so long. Some of the children have never actually been around peers or adults since

the pandemic began and it's been difficult for them to make that change. It took the staff, Donna and I some time to start rolling smoothly again. Despite the challenges, we feel like were as close to *normal* as we'll get for a while.

While we are not requiring masks on the children, we have been very strict about any suspected illnesses. Runny nose? COVID test. Cough? COVID test. Fever? COVID test. I know it's been inconvenient for the parents sometimes, but we want to err on the side of caution to keep the school safe and open.

In October, the preschoolers will talk about community helpers with visits for the 3s from the Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Company and a trip to the Gamber Volunteer Fire Company for the 4s. We'll talk a lot about fall and do many activities outside so the children have a chance to explore the wonderful change of seasons. Finally, we'll talk about pumpkins and real and pretend.

The 2s and 3s will go on a pumpkin patch hayride with Larry Klingelhofer and his very popular John Deere tractor. The 4s will be visiting Farmer Stan at Spring Meadow Farm in Upperco to learn about fall on a farm, the importance of honeybees, visit with some farm animals and explore pumpkins. Finally, we'll have costume parades to wrap up the month. We're looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Fondly,
Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all who donated school supplies last month. Donations were given to kids at the September Food Pantry and local area schools.

Sunday School is underway! The youth, preschool through high school, is meeting outside, weather permitting, from 9:45-10:45. Masks are a parent choice and all you need to bring is a water bottle! If you are interested in finding out more about our youth Sunday School, please find me or email me.

Mark your calendar for **Trunk or Treat** on Friday, October 29 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm! Get your car decked out in Halloween attire and bring candy, as we invite kids young and old to put on their costume and trick or treat on the bottom parking lot. We will also have Halloween games on the blacktop. We will not have snacks this year, but bottled water will be available. If you are interested in participating with your car, please let Wendy Miller know.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection starts Sunday, October 10 through Sunday, November 14. Shoeboxes and forms will be available in the narthex. A \$9.00 donation is requested for each shoebox you pack. You may

donate online or put a check in an envelope with your shoebox. Please no toothpaste or liquid items. You may return your completed boxes to the Narthex by Sunday, November 14.



If you would rather give a postage donation, the youth group will be preparing 60 shoeboxes this year. Last year you generously gave to our donation fund, so that we were able to cover the whole \$540 amount. If you would like to give again this year, please put a check/money in the offering plate and on the memo line or envelope write Operation Christmas Child. You can also give your donation to Julie or Ron Weller. Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving children the gift of love and hope as they learn about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ.

Julie Weller

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
Emily Durkee – at home
Janet Feezer – at home
Lulu Karagjozi – Encore Ellicott City
Margaret Hare – at home
Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living
Mary Libby Green – at home

LOSSES IN THE WARD'S CHAPEL FAMILY

Ellen Greenwood

August 18, 1929 – August 30, 2021

Angel Wings



~ to Wendy Miller, Karen Jaeger, and **all** who put their time and energy into preparing for the Yard Sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgists Needed: We are still in need of Liturgists/Lay Readers for both services. Please contact the church office (wardschapel@verizon.net or 410-922-6556) if you are interested in reading the scriptures during worship services. There are detailed instructions available for anyone unsure of what's involved. Thank you! ~Clarice

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([wardschapel@verizon.net](mailto:wardschapel@verizon.net) or 410-922-6556) if you are interested in being a Greeter or Usher for Sunday services. There are detailed instructions available for anyone unsure of what's involved. Thank you! ~Clarice

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Free Cake-Decorating Class: There will be a cake-decorating class starting October 22 from 12:30 - 2pm. There will be 5-6 classes, meeting 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, and possibly 12/3. There will be a list of supplies, and a recipe for the frosting to bring to class. Please contact Sharon Cowart if you'd like to participate.

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**For sale:** The estate of Ellen Greenwood has an **electric wheel chair** for sale for \$500. If anyone is interested please contact Nancy Parker.

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Constitution 101: We are pleased to announce that we will start a class on the meaning and history of the U.S. Constitution. The course has been developed and offered by Hillsdale College. There will be eleven classes which will meet on consecutive weeks (except for holidays) from 6:30 - 7:45 beginning October 7, 2021.

The course will be facilitated by Bruce Ryan and include the theory of the Declaration, and The Constitution, natural rights and The American Revolution, majority tyranny and the necessity of the union, the New Deal and the rise of the administrative state, and continue on to conclude with a lecture on post-sixties liberalism and politics today.

I believe this is an important subject for Christian study because the very first sentence, and many times thereafter, God is mentioned. I fear many have forgotten the Founders' intent. May we return to "the Laws of Nature, and of Nature's God".

Please call or email the church office by October 5 if you would like to participate. (410-922-6556, wardschapel@verizon.net)

WARDS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT



PARKING LOT OF WARDS CHAPEL UMC
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH
6:00PM-7:30 PM

11023 LIBERTY RD, RANDALLSTOWN 21133

FREE ADMISSION- FAMILIES WELCOME!

**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund
Year to Year Comparison as of Aug 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.

Offering has increased 3% (\$4,852) from 2019. This favorable increase appears to be timing of offering gifts and we anticipate trending closer to 2019 as the year progresses.

Expense continues to trend as expected and is very similar to 2019 Expense.

See note 2 below for explanation of large variances in Other Donations.

	<u>Aug 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>	
<u>Total Gifts (sources):</u>							
Offering	\$ 139,442	\$ 140,968	\$ 144,294	\$ 4,852	3%	\$ 3,326	2%
Other Donations (note 1 & 2)	\$ 33,993	\$ 41,586	\$ 11,950	(22,043)	-65%	(29,636)	-71%
Total Support to Operating Fund	<u>\$ 173,435</u>	<u>\$ 182,554</u>	<u>\$ 156,244</u>	<u>\$ (17,191)</u>	-10%	<u>\$ (26,310)</u>	-14%
Expense:							
Bldg./Grounds	\$ 43,670	\$ 50,483	\$ 41,154	\$ (2,516)	-6%	\$ (9,330)	-18%
Ed./Ministry	\$ 3,166	\$ 2,819	\$ 3,102	(64)	-2%	\$ 283	10%
Apportionments	\$ 22,359	\$ 23,985	\$ 24,810	2,451	11%	\$ 825	3%
Pastoral/Staff/Office	\$ 115,448	\$ 113,457	\$ 114,138	(1,311)	-1%	\$ 661	1%
Total Expense	<u>\$ 184,643</u>	<u>\$ 190,744</u>	<u>\$ 183,203</u>	<u>\$ (1,440)</u>	-1%	<u>\$ (7,540)</u>	-4%
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (-1,208)</u>	<u>\$ (8,190)</u>	<u>\$ (26,959)</u>				
Available Cash on Hand			\$ 29,462				

note 1 - other donations consist of Preschool funding of \$750 per month while school is in session, Pursonage Endowment of \$3,750 at the end of each quarter, R W Feezer Foundation annual gift and other one time gifts.

note 2 - special one time donations. 2019 \$20,000 in estate gifts and \$2,743 roast beef dinner proceeds. For 2020 PPP loans of \$26,873 and Deer Park gift of \$2,500. 2021 Insurance proceeds for fence of \$2,650 and \$1,800 for Food Pantry Cabinets.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 World Communion Day Worship at 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am	4 Trustees 7:00 pm	5	6 Bible Study 10 am 10:00 am (FH)	7 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM Constitution 101 6:30-7:45 pm	8	9
10 Worship at 8:30 am & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Nurture mtg. 12:00 pm	11	12 Finance 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 pm	13 Bible Study 10:00 am (<i>upstairs</i>) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lampighter Deadline	14 Feed My Sheep 10am-1pm at WFUMC Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Constitution 101 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm	15	16 Food Pantry 9am-11am (<i>Private event-youth room & FH</i>)
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Regular worship services:
8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45

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to view our worship service:

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