



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter November 2020*



## **God's Boxes**

**Poem by Arielle Perkins**

*I have in my hands two boxes,  
Which God gave me to hold.  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,  
And all your joys into the gold."  
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes  
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,  
But though the gold became heavier each day,  
The black was as light as before.  
With curiosity, I opened the black.  
I wanted to find out why,  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.  
I showed the hole to God and mused,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be?"  
He smiled a gentle smile and said,  
"My child, they're here with me."  
I asked God why He gave me the boxes,  
Why the gold and the black with the hole?  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings.  
The black is for you to let go."*

What a beautiful poem! As Autumn comes, some of us may feel opposite feelings, inner loneliness VS marvelous seasonal change. Many of us enjoy this season, a season with cooler breeze and seasonal birds are heading to a new place to sit. But at the same time, we become calmer and even depressed. Not just because of the seasonal transition, but all the depressing news that we hear every day.

As I was conducting Rita's funeral last Saturday, I was so glad to see our church members to support Lynn's family and keep Cindy and Dave, Anya and Alex in their prayers. It seemed like we faithfully support each other as our Father God has taught us. We feel we are just like a real church family in God.

On the first Sunday in November, we have 'All Saints' Sunday' upon which we remember our beloved members who are in God's hand. I counted the services that I have officiated, since 2019. I found 8 names. Norma Hong, Cliff Carter, Carolyn Sundberg, Butch Parker, Donald Woodruff, Jack Balick, Bea Feezer and Rita Maclary. And I know we have lost more members. Sadness, and feeling of grief is the appropriate emotion as we remember them.

But we also remember the lessons and teachings that we have learned from the lives of our beloved ones. Maybe, it is so true that God gave us two boxes for our sorrows and joys. And God will give us more comfort and even confidence on the life to come.

In this season of meditation, I hope you have a great time to celebrate the life of our beloved church families, and remember their lessons and teaching, so that we see their precious spirits and souls to learn about a deeper knowledge of faith and life.

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 report near the end of the newsletter.

Bill Showman, Chair

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**PROGRAM MINISTRIES**

**MISSIONS**

**Food Pantry**

There will be a collection date for donations on Wednesday, Nov 4 from 4-6 pm.

Thank you so much for all the support you have offered to the food pantry. We appreciate all the prayers, monetary donations, and food donations. We have been serving about 20 families during the pandemic and will be passing out Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 21st.

Our **CURRENT** needs list:

- baked beans
- cereal (many request Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios, and kids' cereal)
- oatmeal
- breakfast bars
- pancake mix
- syrup

- canned chicken
- jelly
- canned corn
- canned veggies (other than green beans)
- canned potatoes
- canned fruit
- boxed mac n cheese
- toilet paper
- disinfectant wipes or spray (Lysol)
- canned sauerkraut
- canned sweet potatoes/yams
- pie shells
- stuffing
- broth
- bouillon cubes
- evaporated milk
- canned pumpkin

**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.



Wendy Miller  
Missions Chairperson

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## **STAR FELLOWSHIP**

**Knives/Flavorings for sale:** Start your holiday shopping early... RADA knives make great gifts. They are 100% American made and carry a lifetime warranty. Look for the large display case and latest catalog in the Narthex. Gift sets can be special ordered. RADA also sells unique kitchen tools, gadgets, dip mixes and cookbooks.

In addition, the Star Fellowship sells *Superior's Original Butternut flavoring* at \$5 a bottle and *Happy Home* flavorings \$4 each (dark vanilla, almond, black walnut, rum). Contact me if you are interested.

~ Cindy Reisberg

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Shoe boxes are still available to pack and bring back to church now through November 15. In addition, the youth group will be packing at least 60 boxes this year. If you would like to donate \$9 for postage per box, please place it in offering or mail it to church, attn: Shirley Tucker, with a note that it's for youth group shoe boxes.

Our Mitten Tree will be located in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 22 through Sunday, December 13. We will collect new hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, socks, and underwear for children at the Board of Child Care. When buying, please keep in mind most of the children are middle school age through young adult.

Thank you for your donations to children during the holiday season.

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 Karagozi – Encore Marriottsville  
Margaret Hare – at home  
Mary Libby Green – at home

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Alzheimer's Walk:** Please join our team on Sat., Oct. 24 at 10 am at Franklin Middle School to raise money and raise awareness for Alzheimer's. We will walk one mile on Main Street and then celebrate with an ice cream at The Cow. We are walking in memory of Butch Parker. ~Carol Parker

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**Girl Scout Cookies:** It's Girl Scout Cookie season! If you are interested in ordering cookies this year or have questions about cookie sales, you can contact Liliana Palmer. The deadline for orders is Oct. 24.

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The Family of Bea Feezer would like to thank our Church Family for all of the support received for Bea's "100th" birthday and during her illness and following her passing. The many cards, calls, condolences and donations are so much appreciated. Thanks also to all of those that attended the Service. Wards Chapel Church was a very special part of Jack and Bea's Life

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## Special Donations:

Since some are still unable to meet in person and peruse the usual weekly announcements, the special donations made in the last month are as follows:

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

**In memory Donald & Jean Marston from:**  
Barb Fost and Don Marston Jr.

**In memory of Carolyn Sundberg from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

**In memory of Butch Parker from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

**In memory of Donald Woodruff from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

**In memory of Mildred Reisberg from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

**In memory of Rita Maclary from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg  
Myron & Pam Horn

**In memory of Nancy Parrish from:**  
Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

**In memory of Bea Feezer from:**  
Myron & Pam Horn

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

**In memory of Mildred Reisberg from:**

Clarabelle Gries

**In memory of Bea Feezer from:**

Clarabelle Gries

Barbara Charnock

Carol Parker

Donna Gill

Dorothy & Janis Miller

Estelle Jolly

Dave & Joan Horn

Nancy & Gregory Kaylor

Ken & Nancy Parker

Shirley Tucker

Brian & Karen Jaeger

**In memory of Rita Maclary from:**

Clarabelle Gries

Barbara Charnock

Carol Parker

Brian & Karen Jaeger

**In memory of Nancy Parrish from:**

Barbara Charnock

Carol Parker

**Special Donations have been made to  
the R. Wayne Feezer Foundation:**

**In memory of Bea Feezer from:**

Pauline & Wayne Reisberg

### Financial Update

Financial Position as of Sept 30, 2020 – At this time, our cash balance is \$27,548. This strong cash balance is the result of the PPP loan we received from the Federal Government. Without this loan our balance would be less than \$1,000. General Offering is projected to be \$20,000 less than received in 2019. All expenses have been paid year to date and we will have sufficient funds to carry us into 2021.

2021 Budget – The Church Council has approved our 2021 budget. It is our goal to return to at least the 2019 offering level per the budget plan. Our expenses are estimated to be \$3,500 lower than 2019 due to changing insurance companies and changing the elevator maintenance contract. Even with these reductions we believe we will have a deficit in 2021 of approximately \$7,500. Fortunately, our strong cash balance will be able to absorb this deficit.

We rely heavily on the strong cash balance we retain at the end of each year since our offering and other gifts do not cover our monthly expenses January through November. For the last three years (2017 – 2019) our deficit as of November each year was \$25,000, \$38,000, and \$39,000 respectively and then in December we receive a large influx of funds.

Other Items of Note – For those individuals that support the Food Pantry please remember to make your check out to the church and note that the funds are designated to the Food Pantry. We maintain tight financial controls over all cash and the Treasurer controls all incoming and outgoing cash activity. In addition, we need to capture this information, so your contributions are included on your annual giving statement. For those individuals that contribute food items to the Pantry we will also include the cost of these items to your Annual Giving statement if you submit the receipts. If you wish for this to be recorded simply give the receipts to Wendy with your name on them or include them in your giving envelope.

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10 AM Worship <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 AM Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Church Council 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am <b>Lampighter            Deadline</b>	<b>12</b> Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 9-12:30	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10 AM Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SPRC 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Food Pantry 9am-11am
<b>22</b> 10 AM Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Star Fellowship 6:00 PM at Oscar's	<b>25</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>26</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 AM Worship	<b>30</b>					

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**We have begun to have indoor worship services  
on Sundays at 10:00 am. Masks required.**

**We continue to have online resources  
to view our worship service:**

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



**Visit our Facebook page for  
a Daily Devotional  
& to stay connected to other members:**  
**Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church**