



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter November 2021



The church had financial responsibilities and Everybody was asked to help. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But you know who did it? Nobody. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Then the church grounds needed some work, and Somebody was asked to help. But Somebody got angry about that, because Anybody could have done it just as well and, after all, it was really Everybody's job. In the end the work was given to Nobody, and Nobody did a fine job.

On and on this went. Whenever work was to be done, Nobody could always be counted on. Nobody visited the sick. Nobody gave liberally. Nobody shared his faith. In short, Nobody was a very faithful member.

Finally, the day came when Somebody left the church and took Anybody and Everybody with him. Guess who was left. Nobody!

I just talked with my family in Korea. Usually, Korea has four seasons just like we have, but my family said, they are losing the fall season. Fall is my favorite season of the year, and I still have precious memories with my family when I went to beautiful mountains and looked at the amazing colors of the trees. But for some reason, they said, winter begins now right after summer. Their heating system needs to be checked soon.

Many of us plan to visit our families, and invite our good neighbors during Thanksgiving week this month. I am sure our college students will come back, and they will enjoy their favorite dishes that parents will make for them.

Yes, I love the fall season, the season of thanksgiving and harvest. We, as part of Ward's Chapel, expect it will be busier due to Thanksgiving, Advent, the Christmas season, and year-end church work, but it is very exciting to begin the last two months of the year.

There is one more reason I think November always means a lot to me. It's All Saints' Day and the celebration that we plan on the first Sunday of November. I am thankful for the current blessings that I have, but at the same time, as a pastor, I always respect all the devotions and care, missions and ministries that the previous generation of Ward's Chapel provided. Now we enjoy this wonderful community here and we have wonderful traditions and legacy that we have heard and witnessed. But it did not just happen. Someone, and some faithful Christians had strived to establish a wonderful congregation and wonderfully maintained this church. They took care of people, served this community, and became wonderful Christian examples.

To celebrate this, we have a special All Saints' Day service again. Due to COVID-19, and lots of unexpected news, such as the delta variant, we do not know how many people can participate in this service. But this will never change. We will remember the saints and church leaders who had loved our congregation and had dedicated themselves to serve the children of God in our church. So, this season of thanksgiving and love, I invite you to think about your life again and count how many blessings that you have received through this wonderful congregation. Give thanks to the Lord, and follow all the good work and examples that your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents had shown to you.

Pastor Steven Cho

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

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

Bill Showman, Chair

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### TRUSTEES

The Trustees would like to thank Joy Dryer, Dave Horn and John Veise for serving on the committee the last few years. These members will be stepping down officially at the end of the year. We will welcome Keiler Brian and Ron Vogelsang back to the committee as well as Eric Remmers as a first-time member. Shirley Tucker, Brian Jaeger, and I have agreed to continue on Trustees at least for another three years and Glenn Berry, John Feezer and Lynn Maclary will also remain.

We will be having the building repainted in the spring. The committee met in October to choose which painting contractor would be awarded the contract. We have chosen to have Andy Pahl of Painting Contractors of Maryland complete the work. Andy is Steve Jolly's nephew and actually helped paint the building over twenty years ago with his father and uncle. The scope of work will consist of the exterior of the entire building, including the Fellowship Hall and retaining wall, railings, trim, new front porch, sanctuary porch, doors and railings. We will also be having the steps to the sanctuary cleaned.

Finally, we are looking into having the copper gutters repaired – they're leaking in a couple of spots – and the metal sanctuary roof painted.

We're still working on the handicapped ramp water problem, but the temporary berm that Keiler installed seems to be holding back the deluge. Thanks, Keiler!

### **Missing!**

If you have borrowed any items from the church, please return them a.s.a.p. – No questions asked! Tables, chairs, kitchen items, books, etc.

We are missing a food grinder from the kitchen and several other small items. If you wish to borrow anything in the future, please see a Trustees member so that we can make a record of it. Thanks so much.

### **Decorating**

It has been brought to our attention that church members have been decorating without prior approval from the Trustees. Please be sure to bring it to the attention of a Trustees member first and we will discuss it as a group. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Trustees Members**

We often say "Please bring it to the attention of a Trustees member". Don't know who they are? Here's a current list:

- Bridget Wetzel - Chair
- Shirley Tucker
- Keiler Brian
- Lynn Maclary
- Glenn Berry
- John Feezer
- Brian Jaeger
- Eric Remmers
- Ron Vogelsang

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the building.

Bridget Wetzel

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## 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
- holiday items



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.

### **PRESCHOOL**



So far, so good! We've been fortunate to be blessed with no cases of COVID within the Preschool – children, parents or staff. If a child is sick in any way, they must have a negative COVID test or quarantine for ten

days before returning to school. Our parents have been accepting and understanding about our very strict illness policy this year.

November at the preschool is all about families and being thankful – for our friends, for

our families, and for all the wonderful things with which God blesses us. “In everything, give thanks with a grateful heart”. The older classes will each make something to contribute to our Thanksgiving feasts. The 3s make everyone corn muffins and the 4s will make pumpkin pie and cranberry relish. We'll all enjoy turkey and mashed potatoes, too!

We will be having Thanksgiving programs for the 3s and 4s. We are going to try recording them this year to eliminate the additional adults in the building. If the current health situation improves, we'll reevaluate having an in-person program in December for Christmas.

After 30+ years of service, Dorothy Cobb Studios (our school photographers) will be retiring. We will now be using Irvin Simon Photography in Owings Mills. We'll miss Greg and Erin but are looking forward to a new relationship with the folks at Irvin Simon.

Fondly,  
Ms. Bridget

### **STAR FELLOWSHIP**

Start your holiday shopping early... RADA knives make great gifts. They are 100% American made and carry a lifetime warranty. Look for the display case and latest catalog in the Narthex, or online at <https://www.radacutlery.com/best/>.

I'd be glad to special order Gift Sets or knives not in stock. RADA also sells unique kitchen tools, small cutting boards, gadgets, dip mixes, and cookbooks.

Contact me if you are interested.  
Cindy Reisberg

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection** continues through Sunday, November 14. Shoeboxes and forms are 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.

Please return your completed boxes to the Narthex by Sunday, November 14.

If you would rather give a postage donation, the youth group are 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.

**Mitten Tree for Board of Child Care** starts Sunday, November 21 through Sunday, December 12th. We will collect mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, socks and underwear for kids aged 5 through 21. A majority of the children are teenagers, so larger sizes are appreciated.

**Girls' T-shirt Collection-** A box will be in the Narthex year-round for gently used or new girls' short and long-sleeved t-shirts, size 4 through 10/12. Our local contact for Operation Christmas Child makes dresses from the t-shirts and donates them to the Westminster mission and women's shelter.

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
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Lulu Karagjozi – Encore Ellicott City
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Marguerite Knauff – Lighthouse Senior Living

Mary Libby Green – at home

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### **LOSSES IN THE WARD'S CHAPEL FAMILY**

**Emily Durkee**

**October 13, 1928 – October 5, 2021**

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## *Angel Wings*

~ to the Sunday School teachers for all their work preparing lessons each week.

~ to Karen Jaeger for working tirelessly to clear out the leftovers from the Yard Sale.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Care:** Volunteers are needed to provide the Communion Elements, bread and grape juice, for the 8:30 am and 11 am services.

We are starting an Altar Care group. If you are interested in learning about and helping to care for our altar cloths and Communion elements, please contact Lisa Ruff

Thank you!

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57th Annual Roast Beef Supper

After a lifetime of serving roast beef and mashed potatoes to the masses, Shirley Tucker finally handed over *The Binder* to someone else!

Once the COVID Task Force approved having our annual get-togethers, Karen Jaeger, Donna Gill and I made the decision to go ahead with the fifty-seventh year of the fundraiser. We worked quickly to get things in place to serve our community a takeout version of the yearly all-you-can-eat event.

Thank you to all the church members who ordered takeout dinner for this year's Roast Beef Supper! We had 151 dinners picked up!

A HUGE thank you to all the people who volunteered making applesauce, coleslaw, cutting potatoes, packing rolls and takeout

boxes as well as mashing potatoes, cooking the beef, making gravy and vegetables and interacting with our friends at pick up! We couldn't do this event without the tremendous amount of support we receive from our church members.

Thank you, everyone!
Bridget Wetzel

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**COVID Task Force meeting:** The next COVID Task Force meeting will be on November 9 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

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Heifer Collection: We will resume collecting change for Heifer on the 3rd Sunday of November. At this time, we will provide the fish bowl for people to drop in their change. Collection by the children will be determined at a later date.

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**Feed My Sheep**

As you know, Feed My Sheep is an interdenominational community project where food is served at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church every Monday, Thursday and Friday free of charge to community members.

We are presently serving clients inside by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and gloves. We serve all the food on the plate. We are serving less people inside than when we were packing and passing out meals outside.

Thanks to all our dedicated members who continue to serve in this community endeavor. They include Karen Jaeger, Lisa Ruff, Lynn Maclary, and hopefully soon Joy Dryer, and the Reisbergs. We serve on the second Thursday of each month. Let us know if you are interested in substituting. Also, anyone is invited to come eat with us.

Pauline Reisberg

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**Cookie Bake:** Due to COVID restrictions, the Church will not be taking cookie orders again this year.

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Alzheimer's Walk: I want to thank everyone who donated to the Alzheimer's Walk this year. We were able to raise \$2000 in memory of Butch. Each donation brings us closer to a cure! Carol and family

Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund
Year to Year Comparison as of Sept 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 2% (\$3,733) 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 forecast to be \$7,000 lower than 2019 by year-end.

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

	<u>Sept 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	\$ 159,250	\$ 156,010	\$ 162,983	\$ 3,733	2%	\$ 6,973	4%
Other Donations (note 1 & 2)	\$ 38,493	\$ 45,336	\$ 11,750	(26,743)	-69%	(33,586)	-74%
Total Support to Operating Fund	<u>\$ 197,744</u>	<u>\$ 201,345</u>	<u>\$ 174,733</u>	<u>\$ (23,010)</u>	<u>-12%</u>	<u>\$ (26,612)</u>	<u>-13%</u>
Expense:							
Blding/Grounds	\$ 50,257	\$ 53,248	\$ 43,430	\$ (6,827)	-14%	\$ (9,818)	-18%
Ed./Ministry	\$ 3,521	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,386	(136)	-4%	\$ 156	5%
Apportionments	\$ 25,153	\$ 26,983	\$ 27,911	2,758	11%	\$ 929	3%
Pastoral/Staff/Office	\$ 131,677	\$ 127,299	\$ 127,580	(4,097)	-3%	\$ 282	0%
Total Expense	<u>\$ 210,608</u>	<u>\$ 210,760</u>	<u>\$ 202,307</u>	<u>\$ (8,301)</u>	<u>-4%</u>	<u>\$ (8,453)</u>	<u>-4%</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (12,865)</u>	<u>\$ (9,414)</u>	<u>\$ (27,574)</u>				
Deficit Without Estate Gifts & PPP	\$ (32,865)	\$ (38,787)					
Available Cash on Hand			\$ 28,849				

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, 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.

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Bible Study 10 am 10:00 am (FH) Church Conference 6:30 pm online	4 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Constitution 101 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm	5 Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM	6
7 All Saints Sunday <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8	9 COVID Task Force 6:00 pm (FH) Church Council 7:00 pm (FH)	10 Bible Study 10:00 am (<i>upstairs</i>) Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lamplighter Deadline	11 Feed My Sheep @ 10am-1pm at WFUMC Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Constitution 101 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm	12	13
14	15	16 SPRC 7:00 PM	17 Bible Study 10 am 10:00 am (FH)	18 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Constitution 101 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm	19	20 Food Pantry 9am-11am <i>1 pm Private Event</i>
21 Heifer Collection	22	23	24 Bible Study 10 am 10:00 am (FH)	25 Thanksgiving  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	26	27
28	29	30 Star Fellowship 12:00 PM at Winfield Inn				

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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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