



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter December 2020*



The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
And a meadowlark sang.  
But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me"  
And the thunder rolled across the sky.  
But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God let me see you."  
And a star shined brightly.  
But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle."  
And, a life was born.  
But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here."  
Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.  
But, the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

This is an interesting poem. Even though we see the man acts silly, from time to time, I realize that I am speaking the same thing to the Lord, "Lord, speak to me!" Then, how about you? How have you been this year 2020?

Strangely, the last month of 2020 has already begun. Personally, this year 2020 was very interesting. Not only because I started my new ministry here at Ward's Chapel, but we have seen the whole world was shaken due to Covid-19. It was a very challenging year.

However, I feel so blessed that our beloved church members have been very good at taking care of one another. I am very proud of what we have done. Thank you, my friends!

In the upcoming year, we have more positive things to expect. Maybe we have effective vaccines, (hopefully not just one or two, but more vaccines for the people in the poor countries, too) and the economy gets better. Moreover, we hope we can come back soon and praise the name of the Lord together. However, we still need to be patient since we hear that experts keep saying this winter is going to be a difficult time.

Even if everyone experiences 'disconnection' and 'isolation', the people of God have to be connected with beloved brothers and sisters, and our faithful God. Actually, this one was something that I missed in my ministerial plan. So, I hope that we can begin a monthly prayer meeting together.

Due to the given challenging environment, we have to meet online. But I still believe, this is the best way that we can do together. We will pray for our country, community, church, our families, and friends. And we will specifically meditate on our lives and our spirits as well. This will be a new way that we pray together, but I believe this is the best way that we keep encouraging and spiritually supporting one another. Unlike the man in the poem, we will have more clues to living like faithful people of God in this challenging time.

I send my blessings to all of 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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**PROGRAM MINISTRIES**

**MISSIONS**

**Food Pantry**

There will be a collection date for donations in early December.

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.

Our **CURRENT** needs list:

- baked beans
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta
- canned corn
- canned veggies (other than green beans)
- canned potatoes
- soup
- boxed mac n cheese
- dry soup
- canned fruit
- peanut butter
- jelly
- oatmeal
- pancake mix
- canned chicken
- canned tuna

- toilet paper
- disinfectant wipes or spray (Lysol)

**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

**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 large display case and latest catalog in the Narthex, or online at <https://www.radacutlery.com/best/>. I'd be glad or special order Gift Sets or knives not in stock. 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).

With these fundraiser proceeds along with our annual Easter egg candy sales, the Star Fellowship was able to make disbursements to the following this year:

- Ward's Chapel Food Pantry
- UMC Board of Child Care
- Postage for Mailing Shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*

We appreciate the congregation's support of our fundraising efforts.

Contact me if you are interested.  
Cindy Reisberg

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Operation Christmas Child Update:** Thank you for your shoebox and monetary donations to Operation Christmas Child. We sent 79 boxes and received almost \$700 for postage. Your generosity is much appreciated, as we put smiles on many children's faces around the world this holiday season! Thank you to Pauline and Wayne Reisberg for delivering the boxes to the donation center!

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Operation Christmas Child needs volunteers at the Baltimore Processing Center from 11/24 - 12/19. You may call Carla at 828-588-6149 or sign up at [occvolunteersignup.com](http://occvolunteersignup.com).



**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 of Nancy Parrish from:**

Beverly Carter

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

**In memory of Butch Parker from:**

John & Connie Veise

**In memory of Bea Feezer from:**

Tamara Stacho

Beverly Carter

Luther & Jean Shepherd

John & Connie Veise

**In memory of Rita Maclary from:**

Beverly Carter

John & Connie Veise

**In memory of Nancy Parrish from:**

John & Connie Veise

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# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study TBA	3 Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5
6	7	8 Church Council 7:30 PM on Zoom	9 Bible Study TBA Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am <b>Lampighter Deadline</b>	10 Feed My Sheep @ Wesley Freedom UMC 9 - 12:30 Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12
13	14	15 Star Fellowship 5:30 PM at Bullock's	16 Bible Study TBA  Task Force Mtg. 7:00 pm on Zoom	17 Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Food Pantry 9am-11am
20	21	22	23 Bible Study TBA	24 Hym Sing at cemetery 5:00 pm  Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm in sanctuary & Zoom	25 	26
	28	29	30 Bible Study TBA			

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**We currently 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)**



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& to stay connected to other members:**  
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