



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter January 2020



Strange month, February

What is the shortest month of the year?

Yes, it is February.

Then do you know why? It is an interesting question.

The first challenge, when I came to the US for the first time, was that we use different units, mile instead of km, pound instead of kg. I know each country has different systems and culture, and it usually takes more time for the people who came from a different country to understand and deeply immerse themselves within them.

The second simple mistake was so awkward, and I still make the same mistakes. I am confused by the two months, August and October. So, I searched for some background history to fix my ongoing problem.

Here is a bit of 'trivia' that I found.

1. Octo- from the month 'October' means 8. We know this, right? That why everyone understands how many feet an octopus has.
2. The first month used to be March. The current calendar is originally from the Old Roman Republic (even before Roman Empire), and they began the new year from March. Since they worshipped the god of war, Mars, they resumed wars and battles again in the spring time. It makes sense why the Roman conquerors begin with March as the first month of year. And it automatically solves the problem that I asked, 'why October is the month of ten, not eight.'
3. The first Roman emperor was so jealous. The Roman Empire celebrated the life of Julius Caesar by naming the 7th month (it was the fifth) July. Then the first emperor Augustus was not happy because his month, the 8th (August) had only 30 days, a day less than July. So, he took a day from the last month which is February, made his month 31 days.

Isn't this interesting?

Now, I look at my calendar. The most exciting month, February is coming. At the Bible study meeting, Barb asked what season we like. And most of the members said 'spring.' I like spring, too.

In this month, we will have a new church season, the season of Lent. I have met each committee and shared my plan for this year. Fortunately, we have strong and well-organized committees with devoted members, so we have strong monthly and weekly on-going missions. Bible study, Sunday school, fellowship meetings, choir, food pantry, and many more are going strong. The upcoming auction, and scholarship ministry are very precious works as well.

"Wards' Chapel, you have done well!!"

As your pastor, I will prepare more meaningful plans during Lent. Ash Wednesday, Lenten season rituals, Good Friday meditation event, and more plans are already awaiting.

Let's begin this exciting Spring with meaningful missions and precious rituals.

Steven Cho

NURTURE

Nurture had its first meeting for 2020 on Sunday 26th.

While we did not have a lot going on at the time of the meeting we had lots to discuss about ways to improve and make sure our church family members are receiving Nurture when needed. In addition, we discussed new ideas for the upcoming year. Such as Movie Night and the Greeting Card Ministry we started last year.

We meet the 4th Sunday after the 11:00 AM service, in the adult Sunday School room. The meeting is open to anyone. If you can't stay for a meeting and have an idea, no problem. Feel free to share it with a committee member or put a note in our Nurture Mailbox.

Our NEXT meeting will be Sunday February 23rd.

Stephen Ministry:

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following--faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or good listening skills--consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for. The more you focus on the Lord and do God's work, the more satisfaction you will find. It's that simple!

Contact me or see me in church to find out more about what you can do for the Lord.

We are very hopeful that we can begin a new training class in early Fall.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., in the Pastor's office.

Pauline Reisberg, Stephen Leader



PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your support of our new mission, Wards Chapel Food Pantry. We appreciate all of your donations, prayers, and time.

If you are donating from your own pantry, please check expiration dates.

The pantry will accept any of the items on our original list which can be found on the website, but the following list is what we need **currently**:

- Baked Beans**
- Spaghetti sauce**
- Canned potatoes**
- Canned chicken & tuna**
- Household items - dish soap, laundry detergent, window cleaner, general cleaners, toilet bowl cleaner, etc.**
- Personal items - toothpaste**
- Paper Products - toilet paper, tissues, paper towels**

Thanks again for your support! If you are interested in giving your time, please let me know. We still need solicitation of donations from local stores, baked goods/bagels to serve to families, and spreading the word.

Contact Wendy Miller for more info.





PRESCHOOL

February has lots of fun in store for the preschool! The beginning of February we will be learning about healthy bodies, making stone soup, and the fours will have a visit from Tristar Martial Arts Eldersburg and a dental hygienist from Smiles for Children, a local dental practice. One theme for this month includes friendship and love centered on Valentine's Day. A focus for threes and fours will be on our country and our community. We will also be investigating two exciting science themes – shadows and magnets.

This month, the fours will also be learning about various forms of art. They will have the opportunity to express themselves through many different mediums – clay, watercolors, mosaics, and even sculpting with packing peanuts. To conclude the unit, they will visit The Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore for a program designed just for preschoolers. Registration took place last month and we are very happy to say that we already have some classes that are filled for the 2020-21 school year. We are looking forward to another year with significant enrollment numbers!

As always, please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns about the preschool. My door is always open.

Ms. Bridget
Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month Sunday School classes are making Valentine cards for Arden Courts. The Middle School class will also be making Blessing Bags that will be taken to Shepherd's Staff.

There's always room for more! Children of all ages are invited to join us each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

Julie Weller

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

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

Bill Showman, Chair

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### **TRUSTEES**

Just a reminder from the Trustees...

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Please be sure to keep all fire doors in the building closed at the end of the day.

These are:

- Double doors between the Fellowship Hall and the hallway stairs
- The metal door between the FH hallway and the Sunday School rooms
- The basement stairway door
- The double doors to the preschool level from the stairwell
- The double doors into the Narthex from the stairwell
- The stained-glass sanctuary doors

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the building as secure as possible!

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## **FEBRUARY GREETERS & USHERS**



### ***Greeters***

### ***Ushers***

**8:30 a.m.**

Pat Ellis  
Diane Gordon

Bill Ellis  
Kelley Gordon

**11:00 a.m.**

Bert Rushing  
Donna Gill

Kirk Bateman  
Joy Dryer  
Brian Weller  
Ron 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.

Butch Parker – Arden Courts  
Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home  
Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor  
Hilda Reisberg – at Homestead  
Jack Balick – at home  
Janet Feezer – at home  
Margaret Hare – at home  
Mary Libby Green – at home  
Millie Reisberg – Brinton Woods

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### Angel Wings



*~ to Karen Jaeger for all of the time and energy she has spent cleaning and organizing the kitchen.*

*~ to whomever disposed of the old tires in the parking lot.*

*~ to John Veise & Kirk Bateman for replacing the Christmas lights on the wreath.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Scholarship Opportunity:

The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship offered by Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church honors the memory of Wayne, an active lifetime member of the Church and is awarded annually to church members pursuing a post-secondary education. Applicants are not limited to first year students, yet when funds are limited, first year applicants will be given priority. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 per academic year will be awarded based on the following: church involvement, community service, academic record, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

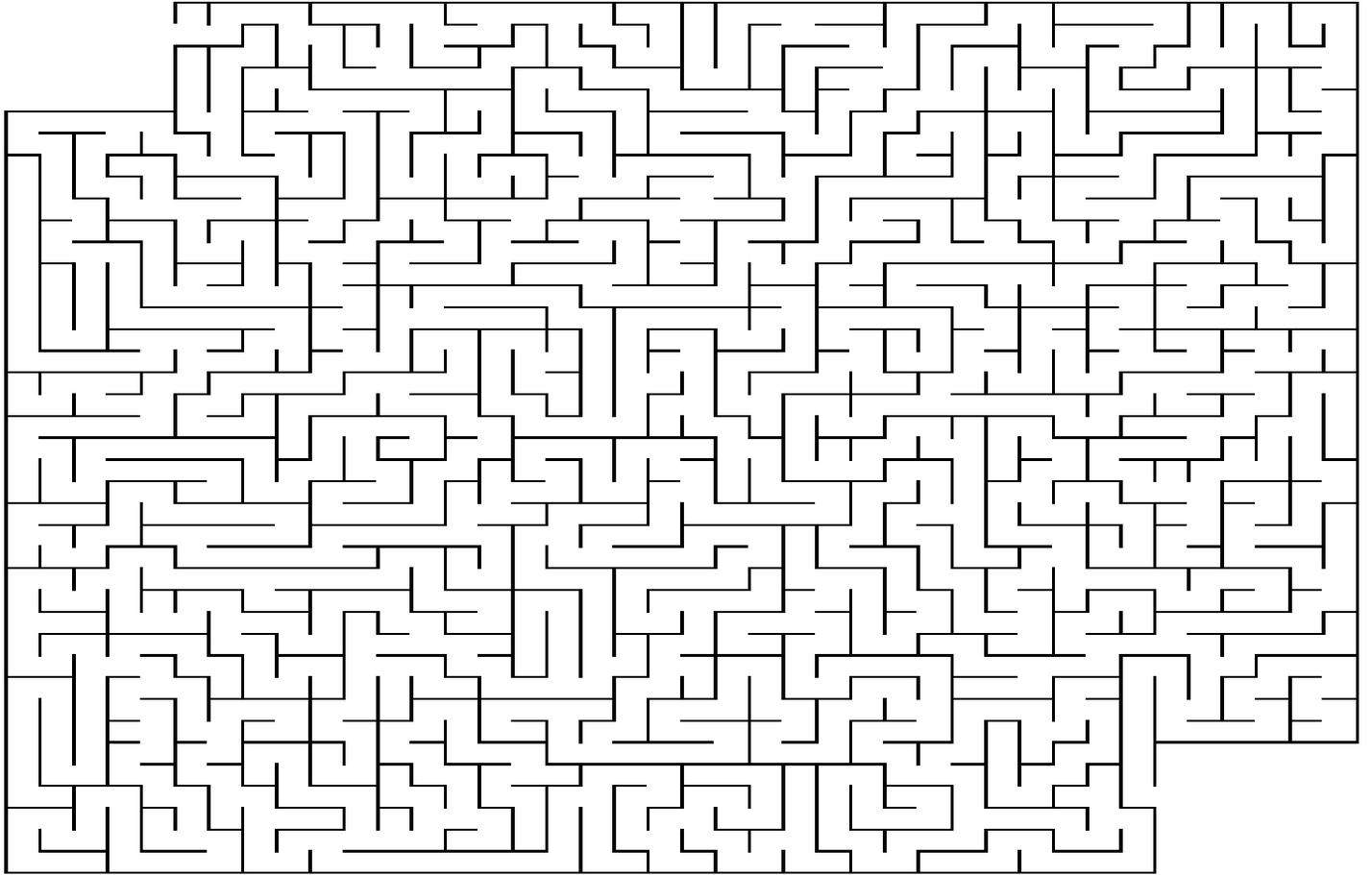
Applications will be available at the church office and on the website at:

<http://www.wardschapel.org/R--W--Feezer-Scholarship.html> by February 15, 2020.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the church office no later than May 1, 2020. The number of scholarships and the amount will be announced by June 1, 2020.

Kids-of-All-Ages Pages

February Maze



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February Coloring Page



**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of Dec 2019**

**YTD Financial Summary:**

Declining attendance (from 2018) has stabilized and general offering increased slightly (\$1,147) as compared to 2018.

The large increase in Other Donations relates to two separate estate gifts (\$5,000 and \$15,000) and last years Roast Beef dinner profits (\$2,743) being gifted to the Operating Fund. We anticipate that the 2020 Other Donations will be reduced to an amount around \$52,000.

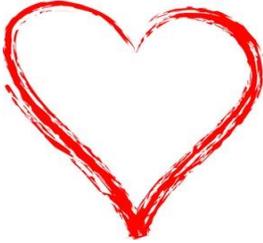
Overall expenses increased \$2,775 comparing 2019 to 2018. The decrease in Ed/Ministry relates to a one time charge for Stephens Ministries training that occurred in 2018. The large increase to Blding/Grounds relates to mechanical issues with the elevator

The 2020 budget is assuming a small increase to overall expenses of \$2,500 which is less than a one percent increase.

|                                        | <b><u>Dec YTD Amounts</u></b> |                    |                           |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                        | <b><u>2018</u></b>            | <b><u>2019</u></b> | <b><u>Incr/(Decr)</u></b> |             |
| <b><u>Total Gifts (sources):</u></b>   |                               |                    |                           |             |
| Offering                               | \$ 226,747                    | \$ 227,895         | \$ 1,147                  | 0.5%        |
| Other Donations (note 1)               | 51,500                        | \$ 74,493          | 22,993                    | 44.6%       |
| <b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b> | <b>\$ 278,247</b>             | <b>\$ 302,388</b>  | <b>\$ 24,140</b>          | <b>8.7%</b> |
| <b><u>Expense:</u></b>                 |                               |                    |                           |             |
| Blding/Grounds                         | \$ 71,249                     | \$ 77,148          | \$ 5,899                  | 8.3%        |
| Ed./Ministry                           | \$ 7,489                      | \$ 4,216           | (3,273)                   | -43.7%      |
| Apportionments                         | \$ 33,747                     | \$ 33,538          | (209)                     | -0.6%       |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office                  | \$ 175,413                    | \$ 175,770         | 358                       | 0.2%        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <b>\$ 287,898</b>             | <b>\$ 290,672</b>  | <b>\$ 2,775</b>           | <b>1.0%</b> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <b>\$ (9,650)</b>             | <b>\$ 11,715</b>   |                           |             |
| <b>Available Cash on Hand</b>          |                               | <b>\$ 36,962</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.*

# February 2020

| Sunday                                                                                         | Monday | Tuesday                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                          | Thursday                                         | Friday                                                            | Saturday                                                                |
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| 2<br>Choir 12:15 PM<br>Stephen Ministry<br>Supervisory Grp 6:30<br>NO UMYF                     | 3      | 4<br><i>Special Election<br/>for Congr. Dist. 7<br/>*OFFICE CLOSED*</i> | 5<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                       | 6                                                | 7<br>4-H 7:00 PM                                                  | 8                                                                       |
| 9<br>Choir 12:15 PM<br>Oakland Manor 2 PM                                                      | 10     | 11<br>Church Council<br>7:30 PM                                         | 12<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lamplighter<br/>Deadline</b> | 13<br>Feed My Sheep<br>at Wesley Freedom<br>10-1 | 14                                                                | 15<br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am                                           |
| 16 Heifer Sunday<br>Choir 12:15 PM<br>Stephen Ministry<br>Supervisory Grp 6:30<br>UMYF 6:30 PM | 17     | 18<br>SPRC 7:00 pm                                                      | 19<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                      | 20                                               | 21                                                                | 22                                                                      |
| 23<br>Choir 12:15 PM<br>Nurture mtg. 12:15 pm                                                  | 24     | 25<br>Star Fellowship<br>6:00 PM                                        | 26<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br><b>Ash Wednesday<br/>Service 7:00 pm</b>                          | 27                                               | 28<br>9 am - Auction set-up<br>in Fellowship Hall &<br>Youth Room | 29<br><b>Missions Auction</b><br>Doors open: 4:00pm<br>Bidding: 5:00 pm |

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## ***IN THE EVENT OF WINTRY WEATHER...***

*You will receive closing and cancellation notices  
through the following forums:*

- *a church-wide email will be sent out*
- *the Church Office voicemail will be updated (410-922-6556)*
- *the Church website ([www.wardschapel.org](http://www.wardschapel.org))*
- *the Church's Facebook group page*

*(Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church)*

