



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter February 2024



A man attended a marriage seminar in which the speaker encouraged husbands to tell their wives they loved them. He realized he had been negligent at that point and decided to do something about it. So, on his way home from work that day he stopped by the drug store and bought her a box of chocolates. He then went by the florist and got her a dozen long-stem red roses. Then he walked in the house, handed her the gifts, threw his arms around her, and planted a kiss on her, and said, "Honey, I love you."

She pulled away from him and said, "Oh, George, it's been a horrible day. Johnny got in a fight at school. The washing machine broke down. I burned supper. And now, you come home drunk!"

What I learned in the States is this: one significant lesson, "Speak out!" I have heard many times from my friends here, "What do you want? Tell me." I see that direct and clear conversation eliminates numerous unnecessary emotional burdens — no assumptions, no miscommunication, and no misunderstanding. I believe it is very effective and convenient.

Traditionally, my Korean culture has taught me that modesty is the greatest virtue. So, I grew up in an environment where I didn't talk too much and avoided abruptly revealing my genuine feelings to others. I assume that this lifestyle values "understanding others" more than "self-expression." However, it is not hard to imagine that many misunderstandings occur when I try to read others' emotions. Reading other people's emotions is not easy. Sometimes it becomes time-consuming and exhausting to communicate with others because people, especially elderly individuals, do not directly express what they want. But I have been fine with this type of communication; I was one of them.

My son always ends our conversations before hanging up the phone with, "Love you, Dad," and I reciprocate. But I never told my mom and dad the same words, simply assuming that they knew my heart. Now that I've returned to my hometown, I realize that "telling what I feel" is important. With not much time to stay with them and limited opportunities to share my heart, I've come to realize I should share this with them. This time, I will say as much as I can about how much I love them.

Also, thank you, friends at Ward's, for this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with my parents. I am sending you my heart. Stay safe, and see you soon.

-Pastor Steven

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Food Pantry

We are so grateful for the MANY donations of food items, money, and gift cards to our Food Pantry. Please continue to check the website for our needs.

Please see the full list on the church website for our regular needs. **Please see below for what items we need to re-stock our shelves:**

- soup
- peanut butter
- jelly
- chicken
- tuna
- paper towels



February SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- trash bags
- laundry detergent

Keep in mind, we will take donations of any nearly new items such as clothes, towels, sheets, blankets, etc.!

Any food items should be **checked for expiration dates** before donating!

Remember students can receive volunteer hours for helping at the food pantry so if you are interested please contact Wendy at wrmille@gmail.com or texting/calling our Food Pantry number 410-756-0665. Thanks so much!

Wendy Miller, Missions Chair

Auction

It is time to start getting excited about the 2024 Mission Auction!!!

Donations will be accepted for the 2024 auction beginning **NOW** and can be placed in one of the Sunday School rooms downstairs by the elevator. The room is labeled.

The Live Auction will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. The donation process is similar to last year. We will continue to accept new and gently used items as well as baked goods, handcrafted items, gift certificates from businesses, and services. Please be creative.

Label all items with a donation form. Forms can be found in this newsletter, at the drop-off area, and on the Ward's Chapel website, or you may use a sheet of paper containing the following information:

- Donor Name & Donor Email or Telephone #
- A list of the items you are donating and a little descriptive information that will help attract bids.

If you prefer to email this information to wardschapelauction@gmail.com, label all items with your name.

Please no electronics or clothing. If you are unsure whether or not your item is appropriate for our auction, donate the item and the Missions team will decide. Anything not used in the auction will be held for the yard sale that will be held later in the year unless you want it returned to you.

Please turn in all items and forms prior to March 16, 2024. The exception is baked goods, which should be turned in the day of the auction, but the forms or notification are still needed by March 16.

Contact me, Laurie Bateman, if you have any questions or would like to help with the auction in any way. Contact info:

wardschapelauction@gmail.com or call my cell (in the church directory).



PRESCHOOL

Thank you again to all the church members who supported the Super Bowl Sub Sale fundraiser for the Preschool! We sold close to 200 subs! Thank you to Rental Solutions (Eldersburg) for loaning us the deli slicer.

The Freedom District Lion's Club will be visiting for our annual vision screening days this month.

Do you know that according to the American Optometric Association 1 in 4 children go undiagnosed with a vision problem? Left undetected, vision issues can lead to reading and learning problems.

We will be held registration for the 2024-25 school year on January 9. We've had 8/12 2s enroll, 16/25 3s, and 15/18 4s. We pray that we will be full come August. It would be wonderful to have to open additional classes to accommodate everyone!

Lent begins on February 14th this year. The Preschool children will be collecting coins during Lent for Heifer International. This year we will be purchasing Hope Baskets that include a flock of chicks and rabbits with education and training.

Finally, the 4s will be visiting the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore to wrap up their unit on Forms of Art. This will be our second year at this unique space. We 'll take a tour of 4-5 collections talking about different elements of art (shape, form, line, color and others) and then have some time in the maker space where we'll create our own works of art to take home. If you've never been there, the AVAM is a distinctively quirky museum with lots of imagination and well worth the visit.

Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will continue our Valentine's tradition and decorate hearts to send to Arden Courts in memory of Butch Parker.

Save the date: Family Lent will be March 3rd, during the Sunday School hour, in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see your family there!

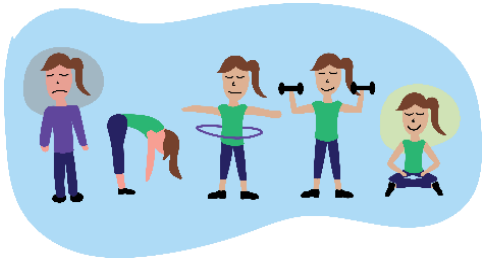
Julie Weller

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Please pray for those who are not able to join us for worship due to health issues.

- Barbara Hartman – at home
- Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living
- Edna Harrison – Columbia Cottage of Hanover
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Janis Miller – at Future Care Old Court
- Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home (*at Jay's*)
- Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Introducing Ward's Fitness!

A suggestion was made and we are listening...

Personal trainer led, small group exercise in a private setting among friends!

This opportunity is **EXCLUSIVE** to members of Ward's UMC and their invited friends.

We are working with a personal trainer at Prime Physical Therapy to hold a private small group exercise class on Saturdays at their location in Eldersburg. Conveniently located in the Freedom Village Shopping Center beside Panera Bread. Prime Physical Therapy has a gym area equipped with equipment, weights, bands, mats etc. in a friendly and inviting atmosphere. Prime Physical Therapy is closed on Saturdays so this would be a private class held each Saturday for Ward's UMC.

We would need 4 – 6 committed members to form a group. Invite your friends. Cost will be determined by the number of members who sign up. The type of exercise is to be determined by groups interest, abilities and the trainer. More detailed information will become available as we hear from those who are interested. If interested please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or by contacting Melinda at 410-984-8056.

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**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 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 membership\***, **church involvement**, community service, academic record, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

\*Please note, that to qualify for the scholarship, the **applicant must be a member of Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church**. Recipients of the scholarship in the past, whose parents were members, but were not members themselves, will only be considered for future scholarships while pursuing the same degree program as when initially awarded the scholarship.

For any questions about membership or to join WCUMC, contact Pastor Steven Cho.

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. Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the church office no later than May 1. The number of scholarships and the amount will be announced on the first Sunday in June.



Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of Dec 2023

**YTD Financial Summary:**

Offering and Other Gifts ended the year as anticipated with Offering slightly higher than 2022

Pastoral/Staff/Office variance is the result of 5% salary increases, increased staff salaries related to Choir starting back up in 2023.

Overall expenses as compared to 2022 decreased slightly with the exception of Pastoral/Staff/Office expense which was explained in note above

|                                        | <u>Dec YTD Amounts</u> |                    | <u>Incr/(Decr)</u>  |             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
|                                        | <u>2022</u>            | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2022 to 2023</u> |             |
| <b><u>Total Gifts (sources):</u></b>   |                        |                    |                     |             |
| Offering                               | \$ 212,646             | \$ 213,382         | \$ 736              | 0.3%        |
| Other Donations (note 1 )              | \$ 71,750              | \$ 72,000          | 250                 | 0.3%        |
| <b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b> | <b>\$ 284,396</b>      | <b>\$ 285,382</b>  | <b>\$ 986</b>       | <b>0.3%</b> |
| <b><u>Expense:</u></b>                 |                        |                    |                     |             |
| Blding/Grounds                         | \$ 81,486              | \$ 80,890          | \$ (596)            | -0.7%       |
| Ed./Ministry                           | \$ 4,771               | \$ 5,227           | 456                 | 9.5%        |
| Apportionments                         | \$ 35,494              | \$ 33,644          | (1,850)             | -5.2%       |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office                  | \$ 173,280             | \$ 182,754         | 9,474               | 5.5%        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <b>\$ 295,030</b>      | <b>\$ 302,514</b>  | <b>\$ 7,484</b>     | <b>2.5%</b> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <b>\$ (10,634)</b>     | <b>\$ (17,133)</b> |                     |             |
| <br><b>Available Cash on Hand</b>      |                        | <br>25,152         |                     |             |

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 (this gift has increased to \$4,000 per quarter effective Dec 2023), R W Feezer Foundation annual gift and other one time gifts.



# February 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                 | Monday    | Tuesday                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                 | Friday                  | Saturday                                                                              |
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|                      |           |                                                           |                                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)  | <b>2</b>                | <b>3</b>                                                                              |
| <b>4</b><br>One service<br>at 10:30 am                                                                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                  | <b>7</b><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                                     | <b>8</b><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)  | <b>9</b><br>4-H 7:00 PM | <b>10</b>                                                                             |
| <b>11</b><br>Resume<br>Regular<br>Sunday Schedule<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:45 Sunday Sch.<br>11:00 Worship | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>Finance 6:30 pm<br>Church Council<br>7:00 PM | <b>14</b> Ash Wednesday<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service 7:00pm | <b>15</b><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | <b>16</b>               | <b>17</b><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am                                                  |
| <b>18</b> Heifer Sunday                                                                                | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>SPRC 7:00 PM                                 | <b>21</b><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                                    | <b>22</b><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | <b>23</b>               | <b>24</b>                                                                             |
| <b>25</b>                                                                                              | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>Star Fellowship<br>12:00 pm                  | <b>28</b><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                                    | <b>29</b><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | <b>30</b>               |  |

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

you may contact the church office where the message will be updated.

Notification of closings and cancellations also will be emailed, posted on the church website, and posted on Facebook.

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