



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

**The Lamplighter July/August 2023**



I always have long flight trips because the only destination I aim for is always South Korea, where my parents and relatives live. So, I feel like they are very short trips. Really. Fourteen hours of flight and a bit longer stopover time do not bother me at all. It is always fun to travel because I know where I am going.

But this time, we tried different things. For the first time, we chose another country other than Korea. Second, I planned multiple stops to make a long layover in the lovely city of Vienna, Austria, for my family time. Third, I have always wanted to visit my missionary friend. Last, it was a part of my spiritual journey to answer the recurring questions of my call.

I shared the biblical meaning of Negev in the Old Testament the week I left. God called Abraham to leave for Negev. Negev was a barren field. The name itself indicated that it was dry land and an abandoned area. "Negev, seriously?" We may say this! But Abraham did not hesitate to follow the unknown path. He followed that direction anyway. Then later, we hear of Negev again when Abraham wanted to find his daughter-in-law. He sent one of his faithful servants to find the right person for his only child and heir; the servant brought her back to Negev, where the entire family resided. They stayed there, the land in which God had commanded them to go and live. In the Bible, Negev was not just a biblical location. It was a symbol that brought God's people to the sacred place and a spiritual moment to hear God's voice.

Why should they go to the barren field? That's because people cannot find anything else. In the wilderness, I learned this. There is no sound in the wilderness. I heard nothing. No sounds. Then once in a while, I could hear the tiny sound of the wind. It was not a similar sound that I am used to hearing or any everyday noise. But the wind blew through my unarranged thoughts and brought me a message. Deep in the night, I opened up my personal and spiritual questions to God and God guided me to some clues.

I would not pretend that this short trip taught me some spiritual secret and I would not bravely proclaim the message in a tone indicating that I know the answer. But what I can say is that the trip was undeniably filled with the guidance of the Holy Spirit (as you all prayed for me and for my journey), and I will share this wonderful process of knowing God's guidance and spiritual moments with you in the following services.

Thank you for all the prayers!

Pastor Steven

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## 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 restock our shelves:**

- Raisin Bran
- baked beans
- pasta
- canned fruit
- jelly
- tuna
- **school supplies**

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

Please check 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

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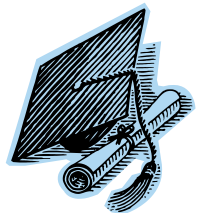
## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Barbara & Carl Hartman – at home
- Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living
- Bev Carter – at home (*at Diane's*)
- Dorothy Miller – Transitions Oakland Manor
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Janis Miller – at home
- Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home (*at Jay's*)
- Ralph Fletcher – at home

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## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**



The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Foundation would like to congratulate all the graduates and scholarship recipients!

We hope you will continue to remain active at Wards Chapel United Methodist Church and provide your support as we continue to support you as you pursue your dreams!

### **College Graduates:**

**Carter Cooke:** Carter graduated from Carroll Community College. Carter is the grandson of Cathy L. Woodruff Walter.

**Rumbidzai Mangwende:** Rumbidzai graduated from the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, the most selective business school in the country, as an honors recipient. During her time at Cornell, she served as Pharaoh (President) of the Sphinx Head Senior Honors Society, executive Vice President of the Cornell Professional Fraternity Council, Senior Recruitment Chair of Phi Gamma Nu professional business fraternity, Mentor and fellow at Black Gen Capital. She was a fellow and scholastic recipient of the Barry Beck (founder of blue

mercury) entrepreneurial program, the Daniel Cane (founder of Blackboard) entrepreneurial program, the Blackstone Launchpad national entrepreneurial program, the Dorm Room Fund entrepreneurial program, and 10KE Alumni ventures entrepreneurial program.

During her collegiate career, her startup EthoSphere was named one of America's most disruptive business school startups by Poets and Quants, she was an honorary recipient in the national Draper pitch competition in April 2023, and she was nominated as Forbes 30 under 30 for retail and ecommerce. On April 29th, 2023 Rumbi presented a TED talk on her entrepreneurial journey.

Next, Rumbi will be starting as an associate analyst at T.Rowe Price, specializing in Global Markets. Rumbi is the daughter of Farai & Prisca Mangwende.

**David Benjamin Palmer:** David graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee with a major in Geosciences and a minor in Military Science. As a recipient of a four-year U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship, he graduated in the top 5% of all ROTC participants in the country and with Distinguished Military Graduate honors. Immediately upon graduation, David commissioned into the U.S. Army as an active duty Second Lieutenant and reported to Fort Novosel, Alabama (formerly known as Fort Rucker) to begin training over the next two years as an Army Pilot and Aviation Officer. He would like to thank the Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church congregation and family for their support of him and for helping develop him into the person he is today. David is the son of Benjamin and Gabriella Palmer.

**Corey D. Sowers:** Corey graduated from Carroll Community College on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are so very proud of him. Corey is the grandson of Cathy L. Woodruff Walter.

### High School Graduates:

**Ryder Jaeger:** Ryder is graduating from Westminster High School. He received the President's Award for educational excellence and an award from the

Science department. He earned the Academic Scholastic letter.

He is a member of the English, Math, and Science Honor Societies. He also graduated from the Carroll County Career & Tech Center from the Project Lead the Way honors program for Engineering from which he received an award.

He is enrolled at Carroll Community College in the STEM program for Engineering and after that will be going to UMBC or York College to pursue a career in Electrical Engineering. Rydër is the son of Brian & Karen Jaeger.

**Frank Reese:** Frank will graduate from Liberty High in Eldersburg on June 6th and will be attending Lincoln Tech in Columbia where he will be taking the Automotive Tech course. He is also planning to attend Carrol Community College for Business Administration after his Lincoln Tech experience. Frank is the son of Amy Jones and the grandson of Jennie Jones.

**Elliot Stratton:** Elliot is graduating this year from Century High School. He graduates with honors and various recognitions for academics and community service.

He plans to attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in the Fall studying biomedical sciences. Elliot is the son of Richard & Celeste Stratton.

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### **R. WAYNE FEEZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to the following recipients for the 2021–2022 academic year. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success:

**Won Cho**

**Sean Hakanson**

**Ryder Jaeger**

**Munyaradzi Mangwende**

**Tinotenda Mangwende**

Delaney Maul

Jacob Miller

Wendy Miller

Seiler Oakley

Liliana Palmer

Sarah Perkins

Charlie Ritter

Addison Stacho

Brian Weller

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Alzheimer’s Walk-Saturday, Oct. 28 at 9 am  
at Hunt Valley Towne Center**

Dear Friends, I have worked on the Alzheimer’s Walk Committee for over seven years and this is going to be my last year on the committee. I would like to jump start my fundraising and my Walk Team building. If you can join Team Pop at the Walk or donate toward Team Pop that would be super! Let me know.

Some of the committee members use Facebook to contact people. Since my tech skills don’t include Facebook, if you have that ability please share my request about Team Pop (Baltimore Walk) with your friends.

I realize that October seems far away but months fly by quickly, so that is why I wanted to start now.

Thanks for all your love and support over the years. ~Carol Parker

Directions: To sign up to walk or to donate:  
Using your computer-  
Type in Alz Baltimore Walk/Team Pop  
Scroll down to 2023 Walk to end  
AlzheimerBaltimore MD

At the top where it says Team, type in Team Pop and hit the search button

Click on my name

Scroll down and click on Team Pop

Click on Join My Team

Yay, now you are a member on my team!

This page also gives you the opportunity to donate to help find a cure for Alzheimer’s. (For a \$100 donation you will receive a purple t-shirt that you can proudly wear on walk day.)  
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**The August issue of  
The Bulletin,**

a monthly reproducible message from the  
Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference  
on vitality for local churches:

**A message from Bishop LaTrelle  
Easterling:**

For Christians, it really is “All About Love.”  
The rest is commentary.

But while many Christians preach, pray, sing and write about love, most of the time we get it wrong. Love is too large to be measured or limited. A Hallmark card won’t cut it. Love, we must understand, is not an emotion; it is an action.

But how do we define love? The theologian bell hooks teaches that love is “the will to extend one’s self for the purpose of nurturing one’s own or another’s spiritual growth.”

The Gospel makes it plain that the only way to demonstrate, pronounce, proclaim and prove that we are in relationship with God through Jesus Christ is that we love one another. But this love can’t be in the abstract.

We must specifically and concretely build community and communion through the power of presence. In love, we heal divides by seeing the Imago Dei in everyone without exception. We become God’s walking Word, not a word written on tablets, but the Word written on our hearts. We draw others to Christ by the light that shines within us. We must do love, be love, and give love to one another. Love is as love does

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# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 Congregational Vitality meeting 10 am
2	3	4	5	6 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12 Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am	13 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	14 4-H 7:00 PM	15 Food Pantry 9am-11am
16 Heifer Sunday	17	18 SPRC 7:00 PM	19	20 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	28	29

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)  Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5  Missions Yard Sale 8 am - 1 pm
6	7	8  Church Council 7:00 pm	9  Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am  <b>Lamplighter Deadline</b>	10  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	11	12  <i>Private Event in FH (all day)</i>
13	14	15  SPRC 7:00 pm	16	17  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	18	19  Food Pantry 9am-11am
20 Heifer Sunday	21	22	23	24  Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	25	26
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## Summer Schedule

Through Sept 10

10:00 am Worship

Refreshments & fellowship  
following worship

July 2 - Sept 3  
in the Narthex