



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter May 2023



A priest and a pastor stood near a sharp curve on a busy road holding signs. “The end is near!” read the priest’s sign, while the pastor’s warned, “Turn around before it’s too late!” As he passed by, a jerk in a sports car yelled “Idiots!” and shook his head. Then he blasted his horn, raised one finger, and stomped on the gas. Moments later the clerics heard the sound of screeching tires, followed by a big splash. The priest turned to the pastor and said, “Maybe we should change our signs to ‘Bridge Out’.”

This sounds like just a silly joke, however, strangely, the same things happen today, intentional ignorance. Not many people these days pay attention to Christian messages. I even feel like they would not listen to me anymore.

Every day we hear lots of discouraging and scary news. Internationally, in Sudan, many innocent people were killed and had to be evacuated due to a bloody power struggle between two rival generals, and people were forced to choose one side. Natural Disasters hurt many people in other countries from time to time. In the United States, even our new generation seems lost in their ways. Crimes are being committed by this generation, and new types of law-breaking methods are openly shared through social media.

"There are not many things we can do!" Some Christians doubt what they should do. That's because they know people will not listen to Christian messages. Teaching from the Bible is not respected, and they do not even take a look at it. I understand.

But it does not mean that we should give up. Rather, we raise our voices to reveal the true message in the Bible and teach our children and young generation Christian values. Even in Jesus' time, people did not listen to him. That's why, he said, “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (Luke 19:40)

Maybe, this Easter season (following Easter Sunday) is the perfect time to bring up Christian messages to our people, teach our children our precious values, and show examples through our lives.

Blessings,
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:**

- cereal (popular ones are Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios and "kids" flavors)
- chicken
- tuna

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

PRESCHOOL



I've always loved the first day of school but, despite my countdown-to-summer board, I never look forward to the last. First days are all about beginnings. The last days of school are all about goodbyes. Some children we will see next year or their parents will keep us posted on their progress. Others we may never see or hear from again. What I hope for is that we've given them a great start to the rest of their lives and made the good impression that will help them to be successful in all they do.

In May, all of the 3s and 4s will be attending a field trip to the Maryland Zoo. In preparation to move up to the big leagues of

elementary school, the fours will experience what it's like to eat lunch in a cafeteria at our Kindergarten Lunch Day, complete with a service line and purchasing milk. We will have our annual school picnics at Cooper Park in Sykesville on May 16th & 17th. Finally, end of the year celebrations will take place the week of May 22.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer!

Fondly,
Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of youth Sunday School is May 21.

Thank you to all who participated in our Flying Duck Farm Horse Sanctuary cupcake fundraiser.

Have a happy, safe summer!

Julie Weller

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, Rm.D-1
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Janis Miller – at home
- Lulu Karagoji – Lorien Encore
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home (*at Jay's*)
- Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Recognition If you or a family member has graduated in the last year (since last June) or will be graduating this year, please contact the church office at wardschapel@verizon.net or call 410-922-6556.

Please include the name of the graduate, the institution from which they are graduating, their honors/awards and future plans as well as highlights your graduate wishes to share. Please submit this info by May 30. We will be sharing this information with the congregation on Sunday, June 4 in the July/August Lamplighter.

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.)

Thank you: Thank you to those who sent messages and cards, and made donations in memory of Ruth Anne Gries. All are very much appreciated by her mother, Clarabelle Gries and family.

Vacation Bible School



June 26-30, 2023

3 years - 5th grade

**VBS is provided for free but to offset costs,
\$30 per student is a suggested donation.**

Registration is due by: June 12.

Link to Google form: <https://forms.gle/owLZLiBQb1nUc4M4A>

Join our Facebook page:

[Wards Chapel Church VBS](#)

Questions?

Contact Jacob Miller at emrillj@gmail.com

CRAB FEAST



BUS TRIP to FISHERMAN'S CRAB DECK

Grasonville, Maryland

Thursday, July 27, 2023



Arrive at Kohl's in Eldersburg by 9:45 am.

Bus Leaves promptly at 10 am.

Travel east across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Enjoy Crab Feast from 11:45 am to 2 pm.

Menu includes:

- Maryland Crab Soup
- All you can eat Steamed Crabs
- Chicken Tenders
- Corn on the Cob
- Cole Slaw
- Hush Puppies
- Iced Tea, Soda, or Coffee
- Draft Beer
- Dessert



2:45 pm to 3:45 pm - Visit the Pennsylvania Dutch Farmers Market in Annapolis.

Return to Eldersburg about 5:15 pm



Contact Shirley Tucker - 443-980-0447 Cost is \$95.

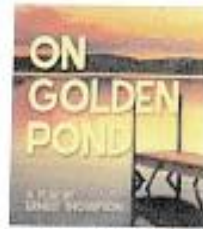
A Deposit of \$10 is due ASAP to hold your reservation.

First come first serve. Your balance is due June 1, 2023.

Make checks payable to Shirley Tucker.

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THE LIBERTY GOOD TIMERS
BUS TRIP TO THE HICKORY BRIDGE FARM
AND ON GOLDEN POND AT THE TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE
Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Arrive at Kohl's in Eldersburg by 9:45 am

Bus Leaves promptly at 10 am

We will travel north to family style lunch at the Hickory Bridge Farm in Orrtanna, Pennsylvania.
Lunch is from 11:30 am to 1 pm

Menu includes: house salad, bread, oven fried chicken, baked ham with pineapple dressing, potatoes, vegetables, corn fritters, stewed apples, beverage, and dessert

At 1 pm, we will travel to show, which lasts from 2 to 4 pm.



Return to Eldersburg about 5:45 pm

Contact Shirley Tucker @ 443-980-0447 for your reservation.
Cost is \$100. A Deposit of \$10 paid now will hold your seat.
Your balance is due July 1, 2023.
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BUS TRIP to the AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE



"THE FIRST NOEL" Production

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Itinerary:

Arrive at Kohl's in Eldersburg by 8:30 am

Bus departs promptly at 8:45 am

- o Christmas Tree Hill Mansion in York, Pennsylvania
- o Edwards Nut and Candy Company
- o Buffet Lunch at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant
- o American Music Theatre Show
- o Fast Food Stop enroute for ½ hour on trip home

Return to Eldersburg Kohl's about 8 pm



Contact Shirley Tucker @ 443-980-0447 for your reservation.

Cost is \$105. A Deposit of \$10 is due by September 1, 2023.

Your balance is due October 1, 2023.

Make checks payable to *Shirley Tucker*.



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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Trustees 7:00 PM	2	3 Bible Study 10:00 am	4 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6
7	8	9 Finance 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	10 Bible Study 10:00 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lampighter Deadline	11 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	12 4-H 7:00 PM	13
14	15	16 SPRC 7:00 PM	17 Bible Study 10:00 am	18 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	19 Transplanting Tomato Seedlings	20 Food Pantry 9am-11am
21 Heifer Sunday Last Day for youth Sunday School	22	23 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm at Woodbine Inn	24 Bible Study 10:00 am	25 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost	29 	30	31 Bible Study 10:00 am			

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Ward's Chapel UMC Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry operates on
the 3rd Saturday of each month
from 9-11 am



We need donations of:

baked beans
green beans
spaghetti sauce
pasta

corn
potatoes
soup
fruit

ravioli or chili
canned chicken or tuna

rice, mashed potatoes
mac 'n' cheese
dry soup
peanut butter
jelly

