



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter October 2023



I still hear good comments about the special event we held on Good Friday this year. During our Lenten season, we tried a different type of activity, called *Meals and Meditation*. When I thought about that plan, I was not sure if Ward's Chapel families would like this event or not. First, it was a Good Friday, a day that was supposed to be solemn and quiet. Second of all, after this pandemic, we have less and less people come to church events and weekday rituals. But it turned out to be a very good meeting where church families gathered together and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship.

So, this fall, I plan to have a pilot program to reach out to our community. Since 2021, we had an on-going conversation about how to re-design our church ministry and mission. We had several group coaching meetings our Re-Formation meetings to brainstorm plans for our future. We started Family Fun Services, Coffee and Cars, Praise and Worship services, and we re-evaluated the current ministry and mission with coach Phil. Then, in 2023 we were selected as one of the churches to participate in the ***Congregational Vitality Pathway*** sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference which can provide practical advice for envisioning our future.

Now, we are about to make a small step. We will have a community fellowship event, on October 14 from 5-7pm at our church social hall, playground, and even parking lots. We will invite our friends, families, and neighbors in our community. There will be good quality music, delicious food, a silent auction (donated by Mrs. Marlene Stivers), a Car Show, and more. It's all free. But most importantly, we will have FUN, by sharing wonderful fellowship and communion with our neighbors in Christ.

Everyone is welcome. Just invite your people to this event. Let's see how God is working through Ward's Chapel.

Oct. 14th 2023 (5-7 pm) at Ward's Chapel Fellowship Hall

Pastor Steven

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

Please find the latest update near the end of the newsletter

Bill Showman, Chair

TRUSTEES

The Trustees have several irons in the fire since our meeting in mid-September. We will be looking into renewing our exterminator services and replacing the blinds in the Fellowship Hall. Large project-wise, we will be taking proposals from contractors for remodeling the bathrooms in the lower hallway and seeking estimates from roofers for leaks that need to be repaired.

We have water coming into the closet under the outdoor sanctuary stairs (aka 'the Creepy Closet), in the main stairwell going from the ground floor to the Sunday School classroom level, the old exterior chapel wall in the Narthex. These are all in the same area and I suspect they are all coming from the same source. Finally, there are multiple leaks in the organ chamber ceiling.

Two reminders:

The thermostats in the Sanctuary and the Narthex are set for Sundays to come on at 6:30 and go off at 12:30 p.m. The temperatures are pre-programmed and locked. The air conditioning will be maintained at 70° and the heat at 66°. It will operate automatically. Please understand that we cannot make everyone comfortable at their personal ideal temperature.

The sanctuary fans are preprogrammed to operate at the middle speed to cool the room. Ceiling fans are meant to rotate counter-clockwise to blow air across your skin for a cooling effect in warmer weather. Conversely, they should rotate clockwise when the heat is on. This distributes heat trapped at the ceiling down the walls and into the room.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE FAN CONTROLS OTHER THAN ON/OFF.

Bridget Wetzel, Chair

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

The generous donation that we received from the Martin family has brought us a wonderful opportunity to reach out and help with the needs of our community. Our Church Council agreed to form a Mission Catalyst group that can utilize the best ways to serve with this funding. There is an application form near the end of this newsletter to apply for funding. If you know any organization that we could work with, please let us know. Contact Wendy Miller, Charlie Dell or Gerard Oakley.

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:**

- peanut butter
- jelly
- 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



With our first month of school behind us, the preschoolers and staff are beginning to settle into their routines. I don't want to speak too soon, but we only had a few tears this year! I told the staff to stop their crying and

they settled in no time.

In October, the children will all experience a fall field trip. The 2s and 3s will go for a hayride courtesy of Larry Klingelhofer and his fabulously popular John Deere tractor. The 4s will visit Buppert's Doran's Chance Farm in Eldersburg to go for a hayride as well. Everyone will return with a pumpkin to take home with them. We will talk about the color black, triangles and circles this month. At the end of the month, we'll have a special spooky snack and costume parades for each class. Will Donna and I be unicorns, the pig and cow, or something new?

On Sunday, October 29, we will have a Preschool-Congregation Trunk or Treat event after a special Family Fun service at 11:00. If you and your family wish to decorate your car and hand out treats, we would love to see a packed parking lot! You don't even have to decorate – just come to enjoy the children in costume!

Ms. Bridget

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Collection starts Sunday, **October 15 through Sunday, November 12.** Last year our church community donated 83 boxes! Shoeboxes and forms will be available in the narthex. A \$10.00 postage donation is requested for each shoebox you pack. You may donate online or put a check in an envelope with your shoebox. Please no toothpaste or liquid items. You may return your completed boxes to the narthex by Sunday, November 12.

If you would rather give a \$10.00 per box postage donation, the youth group will be preparing 60 shoeboxes again this year. Last year you generously gave to our donation fund, so that we were able to cover the whole \$600 amount. If you would like to give again this year, please put a check/money in the offering plate and on the memo line or envelope write Operation Christmas Child. You can also give your donation to Julie or Ron Weller. Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving children the gift of love and hope as they learn about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ.

Trunk or Treat: Mark your calendar for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 following the 11:00 am Family Friendly service. Get your car decked out in Halloween attire and bring candy, as we

invite kids young and old to put on their costume and trick or treat on the bottom parking lot. We will also have Halloween games on the blacktop. A sign-up sheet is located on the podium in the Narthex. Any questions, ask Julie Weller, Wendy Miller or Karen Jaeger.

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
- 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

Sanctuary Enhancement

Recently, the church has been the recipient of a legacy gift of which income generated from the invested funds can be used for church improvements. The Church Council has earmarked a portion for improvements to our sanctuary. We have put together a committee to consider making our altar area more functional.

Please know that the appearance of the sanctuary will remain as similar to the current layout as possible. We will not lose any of the old fixtures, the organ, the cross, paintings or artifacts. Along with planned audio and visual solutions, we are considering configuring the area so that it can be used more effectively in multiple situations. We hope that this will allow us to accommodate the many ways we will use the sanctuary in the future. Flexibility is the goal, while still maintaining the chapel's historic appearance.

We want your input! This is *your* church. Please consider coming to our next meeting. We meet again on Wednesday, October 4 @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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**Roast Beef Supper:**

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 7, 2023 we will hold the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Roast Beef Supper! This year, we will be serving take-out orders only at \$20 for an adult meal. This includes approximately a half-pound of perfectly cooked choice beef, homemade gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, fresh Coleslaw, sweet applesauce, seasonal succotash, and dinner rolls.

Please call the preschool office at (410) 922-6595 or the church office at (410) 922-6556 to place your order. Ordering deadline is Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS.

We need your assistance peeling potatoes, and trimming and slicing the roast beef! If you are available at any of these times, please contact Bridget or Karen or fill out the form in Sunday's bulletin.

Potatoes – Friday, Oct., 6 @ 12:00 p.m.  
Trimming/Slicing Beef – Sat., Oct. 7 @ 8:00 a.m.

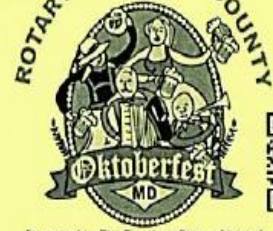
Thank you in advance for making this event a success!

Bridget Wetzel  
Karen Jaeger

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SAVE THE DATE

Tenth Annual  **CARROLL COUNTY**



Presented by The Five Area Rotary Clubs of
Bonds Meadow, Mount Airy, New Market, Sykesville-South Carroll and Westminster

October 7th & 8th 2023!
~ALL INDOORS~

**The Danele Shipley Memorial Arena
Carroll County Agriculture Center
706 Agriculture Center Dr • Westminster, MD 21157**

This will be a fun-filled day with many family activities, as well as authentic style German foods, beers, and music.

**All proceeds from this event support
numerous local humanitarian organizations and scholarship.**



For more information visit
carrolloktoberfest.com or call Dawn Wittfelt 443-244-7799

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# Wards Chapel United Methodist Church

11023 Liberty Road  
Randallstown, MD 21133  
(410) 922-6556

## Application for Missions Project

### Applicant

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First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

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Address

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Cellphone

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Home Phone

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Email Address

### **Recipient Organization**

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Name of Organization

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Organization's Address

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Telephone Number

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Tax Identification Number

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Email Address

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Website Link

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Donation Amount Requested

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What Does the Organization Do?

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How will the money be used? How many people could be impacted? What is the demographic of those who would benefit? e.g. single mothers, poor people, elderly

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Why do you want to work with this organization?

**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund  
Year to Year Comparison as of Aug 2023**

**YTD Financial Summary:**

Offering is trending as planned

Pastoral/Staff/Office variance is the result of 5% salary increases, increased staff salaries related to Choir starting back up in 2023 and an increase in office expense. The office expense increase should just be a timing issue.

Overall expenses are trending as expected with the exception of the \$4,523 amount related to prior years services performed but not billed until 2023.

Comparative Analysis Adjustment - The \$4,523 was expensed in 2023 but the services were performed from 2017-2021. This amount is excluded for year over year analysis only. The \$6,565 represents one additional month of salary paid early for tax purposes. It is excluded for year over year analysis only.

|                                        | <u>Aug YTD Amounts</u> |                    | Comparative<br>Analysis<br>Adjustment | <u>Incr/(Decr)<br/>2022 to 2023</u> |           |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                        | <u>2022</u>            | <u>2023</u>        |                                       |                                     |           |
| <b>Total Gifts (sources):</b>          |                        |                    |                                       |                                     |           |
| Offering                               | \$ 142,015             | \$ 142,454         |                                       | \$ 438                              | 0%        |
| Other Donations (note 1 )              | \$ 11,250              | \$ 11,250          |                                       | -                                   | 0%        |
| <b>Total Support to Operating Fund</b> | <u>\$ 153,265</u>      | <u>\$ 153,704</u>  |                                       | <u>\$ 438</u>                       | <u>0%</u> |
| <b>Expense:</b>                        |                        |                    |                                       |                                     |           |
| Blding/Grounds                         | \$ 41,690              | \$ 47,039          | (4,523)                               | \$ 826                              | 2%        |
| Ed./Ministry                           | \$ 3,806               | \$ 3,527           |                                       | \$ (279)                            | -7%       |
| Apportionments                         | \$ 23,663              | \$ 22,429          |                                       | \$ (1,233)                          | -5%       |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office                  | \$ 111,727             | \$ 126,963         | (6,565)                               | \$ 8,671                            | 8%        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <u>\$ 180,886</u>      | <u>\$ 199,957</u>  | <u>188,869</u>                        | <u>\$ 7,984</u>                     | <u>4%</u> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <u>\$ (27,620)</u>     | <u>\$ (46,254)</u> | <u>(35,166)</u>                       |                                     |           |
| <b>Available Cash on Hand</b>          |                        |                    |                                       |                                     |           |

(note: Insurance proceeds of \$22,291 and related expense (\$19,450) to repair sign not included in total)

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, R W Feezer Foundation annual gift and other one time gifts.

# October 2023

| Sunday                                                                                   | Monday | Tuesday                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                              | Friday                | Saturday                                                                                                   |
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| 1                                                                                        | 2      | 3<br>Congregational<br>Vitality 7:00 pm                          | 4<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br><br>Sanctuary Enh.<br>Comm 6:30 pm                                | 5<br><br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM<br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) | 6                     | 7<br><br><b>Roast Beef Supper</b><br>(carry-out only)<br>4 - 6 pm                                          |
| 8 <b>Praise &amp; Worship<br/>Sunday</b><br><br>Nurture mtg. 12:00 pm<br>(adult SS room) | 9      | 10<br><br><b>Finance</b><br>6:30 pm<br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm | 11<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am<br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lampighter<br/>Deadline</b> | 12<br><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                 | 13<br><br>4-H 7:00 PM | 14<br><br>Church Conference<br>3:30 pm (Zoom)<br><br><b>Community Fellowship<br/>Event at WC</b><br>5-7 pm |
| 15 <b>Laity Sunday<br/>Heifer Sunday</b>                                                 | 16     | 17<br><br>SPRC 7:00 PM                                           | 18<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                 | 19<br><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                 | 20                    | 21<br><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am<br><br><i>Private Event</i><br>(presch. level & narthex)<br>all day      |
| 22                                                                                       | 23     | 24<br><br>Star Fellowship<br>12:00 pm                            | 25<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                                 | 26<br><br>Alcoholics Anonymous<br>6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)                                 | 27                    | 28                                                                                                         |
| 29<br><br>Trunk or Treat<br>following 11:00 svc                                          | 30     | 31                                                               |               |                                                                                       |                       |                                                                                                            |

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## **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Roast Beef Supper**

Saturday, October 7, 2023

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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**TAKE OUT - \$20**

Questions?

(410) 922-6595 or (410) 922-6556

