



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter February 2025



Dear Friends,

I hope you're staying cozy and warm this winter! I'm so excited to share some wonderful news: **No Hibernating is back!** This program has been such a blessing in past years, and I can't wait for us to gather again for fellowship, fun, and learning during these winter months. Here's the plan for Monday evenings: February 3, 10, 17, and 24

6:00–6:30 PM: Light Meal

6:30–7:30 PM: Activities & Classes

Estate Planning/ Yoga 101/ Book Club [*only on the first Monday*]

This program was created to bring us together during the colder months—a time when it's easy to stay at home and feel disconnected. Instead, we gather, enjoy a warm meal, and share moments of joy, learning, and laughter. I've heard such wonderful stories about the diverse programs and friendships that have blossomed in years past. Let's make this year just as special.

I'm so proud of what we've accomplished together over the last year—the 230th-anniversary celebration, the Christmas party, the 70+ dinner, that the Vitality team planned last year. So, let's embrace this season with that same spirit of unity and love. I can't wait to see you on Monday evenings for **No Hibernating** and share in this wonderful time together!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

(Psalm 133:1)

Blessings,

Pastor Steven

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

MISSIONS

Mission Auction: Donations are being accepted for the 2025 auction starting January 26!!! Items can be placed in the designated Sunday School room downstairs by the elevator.

The Auction will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd**. Doors open at 4pm. Bidding begins at 5pm. Soup, sandwiches, snacks, and dessert will be available for purchase. Only \$2 or bring 2+ items for the Food Pantry to bid.

We are looking for new and gently used items as well as baked goods, handcrafted items, gift certificates from businesses, and services. Please be creative (examples: vacation rentals, fishing/hunting trips, lessons in computing or cell phone usage) and feel free to run your ideas by us.

Label all items with the donation form (found in the drop off area, newsletter, or on the church website) or with a sheet of paper containing the following information:

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

Please no electronics or clothing. Anything not used in the auction will be held for the yard sale later this year unless you want it returned to you.

Please turn in all items and forms prior to March 9. 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 9.

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

🦆🦆🦆 We are also having the Duck Draw again. Buy a duck (or 2 or 3) at the auction to see if you will win one of our fabulous prizes. 🦆🦆🦆

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 check expiration dates before you donate!

Extras:

- Bar soap

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

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

PRESCHOOL

In January, we held registration for the 2025-26 school year. I'm so thrilled to say that enrollment is coming along quite nicely! We had opened only MT 2s, MTW 3s and AM & PM 4s. For the 2s, we already have 9 of 12 spaces filled, the MTW 3s have 14/15, the AM 4s are filled and we already have 4/12 in the afternoon class. I foresee having to open a Thursday/Friday 3s class and anticipate that being filled as well! We did reduce the 4s classes from 18 to 15 children. We found it allows for more individualized attention with each child.



We're hoping we've had a successful Super Bowl Sub Sale! Thank you to all the church members who have placed orders in support of the Preschool! We'll all make an attempt to enjoy the day, despite the Ravens choking again.

In February, we'll have our annual vision screenings with the Freedom District Lions Club. To show our thanks to the Lions, each year the Preschool sponsors 2 holes or the beverage cart at their annual golf outing. We are so appreciative of the service they provide for us!

The 4-year-olds will be going to the American Visionary Arts Museum at the Inner Harbor to wrap up their unit on art. Not that we limit our art experiences to just a couple of weeks in February, but we do focus on the fact that art can be anything creative. After seeing several exhibits, the children will go to the make-and-take studio to produce something unique to bring home.

Looking forward to March, the 3s will be going to the theatre and the 4s to visit the Carroll County Public Library. We'll have conferences, speech/language/hearing assessments and get ready for spring.

Preschool Prize Palooza!

Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 3 for our annual Preschool Prize Palooza! Stop in the hallway to see the growing number of beautiful prize baskets. Tickets are still only \$20. If you'd like to purchase a ticket, please see Donna or me, or email the office. We are accepting cash, checks or Zelle payments.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Ms. Bridget

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
- Diana Balick – at home
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Janis Miller – at Future Care Old Court
- Jean Haines – at Homewood at Plum Creek
- Jim Hong – at home
- Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship: 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: <https://www.wardschapel.org/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.

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**ANNUAL
AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22
DOORS OPEN - 4:00 PM
BIDDING BEGINS - 5:00 PM**

Come on out, join the fun, and get some great deals!

**Soup,
sandwiches,
snacks, and
dessert available
for purchase**



All proceeds benefit our mission work with our food pantry, Camp Hope, Baltimore County Christian Workcamp, Volunteers in Mission, and other local and global ministries.

**Only \$2 to bid or bring
2 or more items for our Food Pantry.**

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HEY MARYLAND - WE'RE #1! (Unfortunately)

- Researchers reveal first-ever US County-Level Alzheimer's Prevalence Estimates
- Baltimore City tied for first place with the Bronx & Miami Dade - 16.6% of adults over 65 years of age
- Prince George's County & Baltimore County's high prevalence AND
- Put these together & MD has the highest prevalence of estimated ALZ in the country!



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| <p>1 IN 3 SENIORS DIES WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR ANOTHER DEMENTIA</p> | <p>IT KILLS MORE THAN BREAST CANCER AND PROSTATE CANCER</p> <p>COMBINED</p> | <p>OVER 11 MILLION AMERICANS PROVIDE UNPAID CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR OTHER DEMENTIAS</p> | <p>NEARLY 7 MILLION AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S</p> |
| <p>BETWEEN 2000 AND 2021, DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE HAVE DECREASED 2.1%</p> <p>WHILE DEATHS FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE HAVE INCREASED 141%</p> | <p>IN 2024, ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS WILL COST THE NATION \$360 BILLION</p> <p>BY 2050, THESE COSTS COULD RISE TO NEARLY \$1 TRILLION</p> | <p>THESE CAREGIVERS PROVIDED MORE THAN 18 BILLION HOURS VALUED AT NEARLY \$347 BILLION</p> | <p>Diversity, Equity & Inclusion</p> |
| <p>THE LIFETIME RISK FOR ALZHEIMER'S AT AGE 45 IS</p> <p>1 in 5 FOR WOMEN</p> <p>1 in 10 FOR MEN</p> | <p>70% OF DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS FEEL STRESSED WHEN COORDINATING CARE</p> <p>AND MORE THAN HALF OF CAREGIVERS SAID NAVIGATING HEALTH CARE IS DIFFICULT</p> | <p>3 in 5 DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SAY LESS STRESS AND MORE PEACE OF MIND ARE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF HAVING A CARE NAVIGATOR</p> <p>56% SAY IT COULD HELP THEM BE BETTER CAREGIVERS</p> | <p>The Association is committed to engaging underrepresented and underserved communities and responding with culturally relevant resources and education to address the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer's and dementia.</p> |

**Wards Chapel UMC Operating Fund
Year to Year Comparison as of Dec 2024**

YTD Financial Summary:

Offering received for the Operating Fund decreased from last year by \$18,183 (8.5% decrease). This decrease was caused by 13 less giving units in 2024 (\$7,000) and an overall offering reduction by 30% of the remaining giving units.

Expenses are running at projected levels.

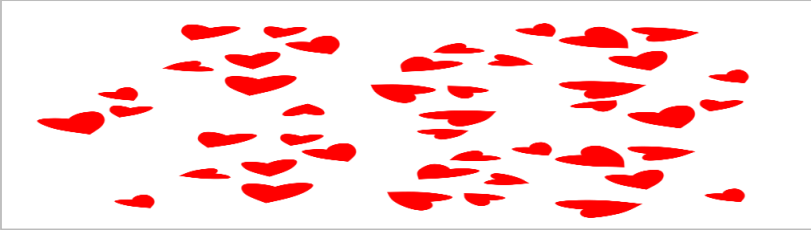
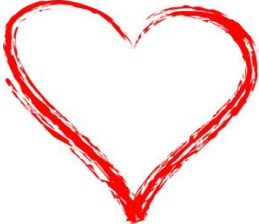
Our Operating deficit increased by \$10,200 in 2024 (\$17,133 for 2023 vs. \$27,332 for 2024). The R. Wayne Feezer Foundation gifted and additional \$10,000 more in 2024 (from \$50,000 to \$60,000) which is why our annual deficit was not \$37,000.

Note 2 below - A transfer of \$35,000 was made from the Wm B. Martin fund to offset the Operating Fund deficit. Year-end cash balance = 2023 cash surplus \$25,151 minus 2024 deficit \$27,332 plus transfer of \$35,000 from Wm B. Martin fund = \$32,819 2024 year-end cash balance.

| | <u>Dec YTD Amounts</u> | | <u>Incr/(Decr)</u> | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023 to 2024</u> | |
| <u>Total Gifts (sources):</u> | | | | |
| Offering | \$ 213,382 | \$ 195,198 | \$ (18,183) | -8.5% |
| Other Donations (note 1) | \$ 72,000 | \$ 82,150 | 10,150 | 14.1% |
| Total Support to Operating Fund | \$ 285,382 | \$ 277,348 | \$ (8,033) | -2.8% |
| <u>Expense:</u> | | | | |
| Blding/Grounds | \$ 80,890 | \$ 77,282 | \$ (3,608) | -4.5% |
| Ed./Ministry | \$ 5,227 | \$ 4,823 | (403) | -7.7% |
| Apportionments | \$ 33,644 | \$ 36,931 | 3,287 | 9.8% |
| Pastoral/Staff/Office | \$ 182,754 | \$ 185,645 | 2,891 | 1.6% |
| Total Expense | \$ 302,514 | \$ 304,681 | \$ 2,166 | 0.7% |
| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (17,133) | \$ (27,332) | | |
| note 2 -Deficit Transfer from Wm B Martin Fund | | \$ 35,000 | | |
| Available Cash on Hand | | \$ 32,819 | | |

note 1 - other donations consist of Preschool funding of \$600 per month while school is in session, Parsonage Endowment of \$4,000 at the end of each quarter and R W Feezer Foundation annual gift.

February 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 No Hibernating 6p - meal 6:30 p - activities | 4 | 5 Bible Study 10:00 am 7 pm - Vitality mtg. | 6 Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM | 7 4-H 7:00 PM | 8 |
| 9 | 10 No Hibernating 6p - meal 6:30 p - activities | 11 Church Council 7:30 PM | 12 Bible Study 10:00 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am Lampighter Deadline | 13 Men's Dinner at Oscar's 7:00 pm | 14 | 15 Food Pantry 9am-11am |
| 16 Heifer Sunday | 17 No Hibernating 6p - meal 6:30 p - activities | 18 SPRC 7:00 PM | 19 Bible Study 10:00 am 7 pm - Vitality mtg. | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 No Hibernating 6p - meal 6:30 p - activities | 25 | 26 Bible Study 10:00 am | 27 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm at Whataday Café | 28 |  |

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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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