



# WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

*The Lamplighter January 2025*



A new year begins, and with it comes renewed hope and possibility. In the Eastern world, there's a unique tradition of naming each year after an animal from the zodiac, using its traits to reflect the spirit of the year. This year is the Year of the Wood Snake, an animal that symbolizes wisdom, adaptability, and personal growth. They believe the Wood Snake encourages patience and careful planning, trusting that perseverance will lead to great achievements. As we step into 2025, what do we dream and what is your spiritual goal this year?

Reflecting on 2024, it was an exciting and fruitful year for Ward's Chapel. We celebrated our 230th anniversary, honoring our rich history and looking toward a promising future. We completed the remodeling of our sanctuary, enhancing our worship experience with updated audio and video systems. Through our Saturday community outreach events, we strengthened connections with our neighbors and continued to share Christ's love.

I want to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who made this past year a success. From our committee chairs and small group leaders to the Vitality Team, Sunday School and Preschool staff, Ad Council members, and all our volunteers—your unwavering dedication and commitment make Ward's Chapel a place where God's love is shared and felt. No matter how often I say it, "thank you" will never feel like enough.

Now, as we begin 2025, we look ahead with anticipation. In February, we will launch "No Hibernating," a returning activity inviting the community to join us during the cold season for learning, fellowship, and growth. This will be a time to refresh, connect, and share in the joy of being the body of Christ.

Thank you all for your love and support. Let us embrace this new year with hope and joy. Another new day begins!

In Christ,  
Pastor Steven Cho

**Watch for more info on our No Hibernating sessions in the weekly emails and bulletins!**

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**PROGRAM MINISTRIES**

**MISSIONS**

**Annual Auction: March 22**

**Annual Yard Sale: May 10**

Donations accepted starting January 26

**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.

**Extras:**

- Broth (in cartons)
- crackers

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**

Happy New Year to all! We hope that the holiday season was good you. Now that the joy (or chaos in some cases) of the holiday season is behind us, we are looking toward some uninterrupted time to spend on instruction – except for the much-wished for snow day.



January's themes for the classes include snow and the weather, winter, solid/liquid/gas, and

animals in winter. The Irvine Nature Center will be visiting the two- and three-year-olds to present an in-house program called *All about Animals*. They will usually bring a raptor, a small mammal (a guinea pig, hedgehog or opossum), snakes, and other small critters that the children will have the opportunity to investigate through this hands-on experience. Toward the end of the month, we begin to talk about healthy bodies. Maintaining all aspects of a healthy life-style is a life-long skill that should be taught when a child is still forming their habits.

It's hard to believe, but we're already preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. Registration for reenrollment of current preschool families will begin on Tuesday, January 14. Open enrollment will begin that Thursday. If you know any families with preschool-aged children who may be interested, please have them contact the office at 410-922-6595 to place their child on the mailing list.

Enjoy the beautiful winter weather,

Ms. Bridget

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Mitten Tree:** Thank you for all of the donations of mittens, hats, and gloves for Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care).

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to Karen Jaeger for her dedication to our Sunday School program. Karen has decided to "retire" as a Sunday School teacher, but will still coordinate the Food Pantry with us once a month. I guesstimate that she has been teaching for at least 15 years. She taught preschool, elementary and middle school over the years. She never said no to any request and was full of ideas and energy. Thank you, Karen, for your service. We will miss you!!!

Julie Weller

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**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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you took any of the old FH chairs, please make your donation to the Trustees **by January 15**. Thank you! Any questions, contact Bridget Wetzel. Thanks!

**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.

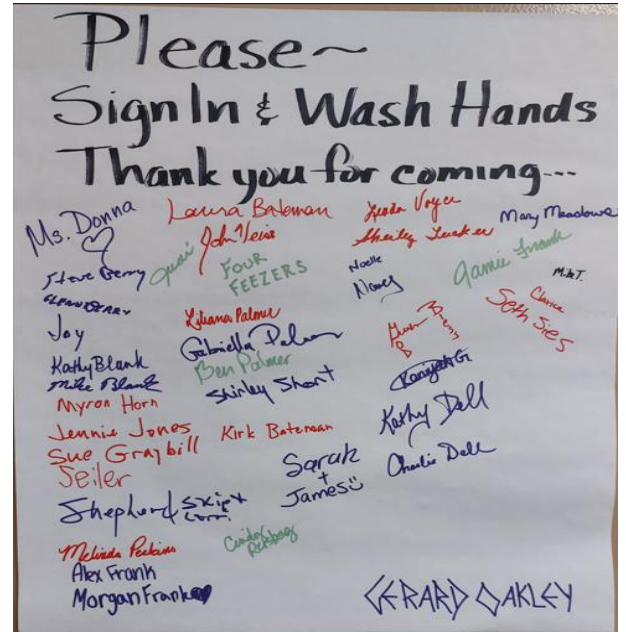
\*Please note, that to qualify for the scholarship, the **applicant must be a member of Ward’s Chapel United Methodist Church**. Recipients of the scholarship in the past, whose parents were members, but were not members themselves, will only be considered for future scholarships while pursuing the same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

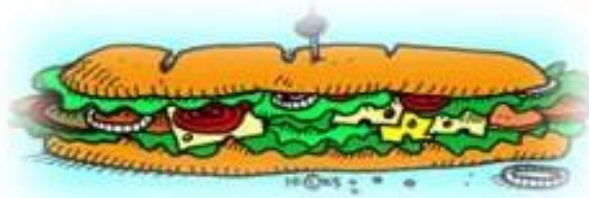
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A big thank you to all who helped with the **2024 Fellowship Cookie Bake** and we hope everyone enjoyed their time together!



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Support the Preschool and order some subs  
for Super Bowl weekend!

Ward's Chapel Preschool  
**Super Bowl Sub Sale**



**PICK-UP DATE**

Saturday, February 8, 2025  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**8" Italian Hoagie          \$10.<sup>00</sup>**

Salami, Pepperoni, Ham, Provolone  
Lettuce, Tomato, Onion  
(Condiments not included)

***Pre-orders only due by Sunday, January 26***

(or email [wardschapelpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:wardschapelpreschool@gmail.com))

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of subs \_\_\_\_\_

Total due at pick up \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BUS TRIP TO THE HICKORY BRIDGE FARM  
AND THE PLAY "9 TO 5" AT THE TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE**

*Thursday, June 26, 2025*



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

Bus Leaves promptly at 10 am

We will travel north to 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 the show, which lasts from 2 to 4 pm.

Return to Eldersburg about 5:45 pm.

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

Cost is \$110. A Deposit of \$10 is due to hold your seat.

Your balance is due May 1, 2025.

Make checks payable to Shirley Tucker.

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## **CRAB FEAST**

***BUS TRIP to SUICIDE BRIDGE RESTAURANT***

***Hurlock, Maryland***

***Wednesday, August 20, 2025***

Arrive at Kohl's in Eldersburg by 8:45 am.

Bus Leaves promptly at 9 am.

Travel east across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Enjoy Crab Feast from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Feast includes:

- All you can eat Steamed Crabs
- Maryland Crab Soup
- Fried Chicken
- Clam Strips
- Corn on the Cob
- Cole Slaw
- Non-alcoholic Beverages
- Dessert



2 pm to 3:30 pm - Paddlewheeler Boat Cruise

4:10 pm to 4:50 pm - Emily's Produce Market in Cambridge

7 pm - Return to Eldersburg

Contact Shirley Tucker - 443-980-0447      Cost is \$125.

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

First come first serve. Your balance is due July 1, 2025.

Make checks payable to Shirley Tucker.

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# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> In Person & Online Prayer Mtg. 7:00 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10 am Liberty Goodtimers 11:30 am	<b>9</b> Men's Dinner at Oscar's 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> 4-H 7 pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Finance 6:30 pm Church Council 7:00 pm (FH)	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10 am  <i>Lamplighter                      Deadline</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Food Pantry 9am-11am
<b>19 Heifer Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> SPRC 7:00 PM	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>23</b> Star Fellowship 12:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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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