



WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter July/August 2024



Embrace God's Presence Everywhere

As we step into the warmth and beauty of summer, many of us are setting off on journeys, both near and far, perhaps even across oceans. Whether you're exploring new places or simply enjoying the comforts of home, I encourage you to look for the divine in every moment. Feel the presence of the Spirit wherever you are, and let it bring you peace and joy.

We would love to share in your experiences and witness the many ways God's presence touches your lives. This summer, we invite you to capture these moments and share them with us. The theme for this project is "This is God's Creation," and we hope to see your creative expressions of where you see God. It could be in the serene beauty of nature, a joyful gathering with family and friends, a quiet moment sipping lemonade on your porch, the vibrant energy of a music festival, or the pure delight in a child's smile. Let your imagination run wild!

Three steps to participate:

1. **Take Photos:** Capture moments where you feel God's presence.
2. **Send Your Photos:** Send your photos to us via email to the church office wardschapel@verizon.net or to Pastor Cho at Pastorstevencho@gmail.com
3. **Share Your Stories:** Along with your photos, feel free to share a brief story or description of where and how you felt the divine presence.

We will collect these beautiful snapshots of your summer and, towards the end of the season, display them on a special board for all to see. This display will also be available on our website, allowing everyone to enjoy these moments of grace and inspiration.



Safe travels to all, and may you find every detail touched by God on your journeys. We look forward to seeing your photos and sharing in your stories.

Blessings,
Pastor Steven



Here is a picture I took while in Scotland.

This one is at Young Life Camp in NC. 650 teens from across the country worshipping together, sharing and caring.

PLEASE NOTE: Mainly due to conflicting schedules of volunteers, **there will be no Vacation Bible School this year.** We hope to continue this children's ministry next year. We hope you have a great summer!

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

FINANCE

Please find the latest update near the end of the newsletter.

Bill Showman, Chair

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.

July SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- o bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- o school supplies: pencil boxes, markers, crayons, scissors, highlighters, pink erasers, dry erase, glue sticks, spirals, comp books, binders, post-its, index cards (no pencils, pens)

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, Missions Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Church Picnic will be September 8 after our last 10:00 am service and Sunday School will resume September 15 at 9:45 am. See you then!

Julie Weller

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

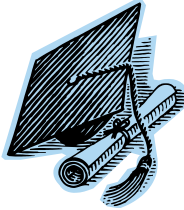
Please pray for those who are not able to join us for worship due to health issues.

- Barbara Hartman – at home
- Bert Rushing – Golden Crest Assisted Living
- Janet Feezer – at home
- Janis Miller – at Future Care Old Court
- Jean Haines – at Homewood at Plum Creek

- Lulu Karagjozi – Lorien Encore
- Margaret Hare – at home
- Mary Libby Green – at home (at Jay's)
- Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



College Graduates:

Sarah Perkins: Sarah Perkins graduated in December from Liberty University with a BA in Psychology. She plans to attend Springfield College in Massachusetts in the fall to pursue a degree in Art Therapy/Counseling.

Addison Stacho: Addison Stacho graduated from Carroll Community College with an Associates of Science in Nursing. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Nu nursing honors society and the National Nursing Student Association. She graduated from Carroll with honors and was a part of Carroll's Phi Theta Kappa honors society. After graduation Addison will continue to work at Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital on the neonatal unit. She will continue her schooling at Frostburg State University for her BSN through this fall. Addison would like to thank her Wards Chapel family for their continued support through her nursing school journey.

Brian Weller: Brian Weller graduated Summa Cum Laude from Shippensburg University in December with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration/Accounting. He was a member of the Woods Honors College, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Accounting Club. Brian also volunteered with the VITA Program, preparing tax returns for the Shippensburg community. After several internships with BDO USA in Columbia, he has accepted a position with the company as a Tax Associate. He also plans to take the CPA exams over the next year. Brian is the son of Ron and Julie Weller.

High School Graduates:

Benjamin Carlton Gargano and Daniel Joseph Gargano: Benjamin Gargano and Daniel Gargano, twin sons of Beth and Dan Gargano and grandsons of Barbara Charnock will graduate from Reservoir High School in Howard County on May 29, 2024. Ben will be attending Towson University. He is interested in an English Major. Daniel will attend Howard Community College. He is interested in a Business Major.

Alyssa Ruff: Alyssa Rose Ruff will graduate from Liberty High School on June 4, 2024. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society, a Tri-M Member and a Violin Section Leader for the Liberty High School Orchestra. Alyssa played on the Varsity Field Hockey Team for 3 years, becoming a Captain in her Senior year. She was also on the Track and Field Team, a member of the Varsity Club and the Sources of Strength Club. During her Senior year, she was a Peer Facilitator and was selected to be a Member of the 2024 Carroll County School Focus Group. She earned a Successful Score on the Print (ED) SkillsUSA Graphic Communications Proficiency Assessment and was a paid Intern for a local Graphic Design Company. Alyssa received Honor Cords from The National Art Honor Society and Tri-M. She received Medals for the Liberty High School Honors Reading Medal Program, Liberty High School Instrumental Music-Violin, Carroll County Technical Center Print Production Program Completion and for being a Liberty High School Peer Facilitator. Alyssa also received 3 Gold Star Pins for Instrumental Music, a National Art Honor Society Pin and Pins for 4 years of participation in Field Hockey and Track & Field.

Alyssa will be attending Carroll Community College in the Fall, Majoring in Visual Arts, with the goal of becoming a Graphic Designer. She will also continue to pursue her passions for music and athletics. Alyssa is the daughter of Gordon & Lisa Ruff.

Noelle Thresher: Noelle Thresher will graduate from Liberty High School on June 4. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society and the LHS Mural Team. Noelle placed second in the Skills USA Fantasy Hairstyle Competition. She completed the Cosmetology program at the Carroll County Career & Tech Center and sat for the Maryland State Board of Cosmetology exam. After graduation, she plans to continue working at J. Marie Salon in Eldersburg as a cosmetologist. Noelle is the daughter of Michael & Clarice Thresher.

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**R. WAYNE FEEZER  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP**



The R. Wayne Feezer Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to the following recipients for the 2023-2024 academic year. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success:

- Won Cho**
- Sean Hakanson**
- Ryder Jaeger**
- Tinotenda Mangwende**
- Delaney Maul**
- Seiler Oakley**
- Liliana Palmer**
- Sarah Perkins**
- Charlie Ritter**
- Alyssa Ruff**
- Hannah Rushing**
- Addison Stacho**

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Ward's Chapel QR code: Please use the QR code below to easily access our new church website! (If you don't know how to scan a QR code with your phone, ask a tech-y friend or your favorite teenager, they'll know!)



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**First Fruits Farm** gives their food to the hungry and we have gotten donations from them for our food pantry. There are opportunities for us to volunteer to help at the farm with various activities. If you would like to join us for three hours one Saturday, please let Carol Parker or Clarice know. We would like to get a group together to go. Glyndon UMC will be going on the following dates and we could join them: July 13, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2.

**Link for recorded Sunday Service:** Please let Pastor Steven or the church office know if you'd like the link to the recorded Sunday Service emailed to you (usually on Tuesdays.)

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In the News: Former Ward's Chapel pastor, Don Burgard, was recognized recently in a publication in his community:

A FELLOW RESIDENT TO THE RESCUE!

Last winter, Jane Kreiner experienced an emergency while she was having brunch at The Chesapeake. She described it this way, "My throat suddenly closed up, and I was fighting for air. This man stepped up and saved my life. He was my guardian angel!" That man was **Don Burgard**. Mr. Burgard saw a fellow resident in distress and acted swiftly to help her. Mrs. Kreiner is grateful for his actions, and so are we. Thank you for being willing and able to help, Mr. Burgard!



NEJ College of Bishops Statement

Posted by on Jun 11, 2024

<https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/nej-college-of-bishops-statement/>

"The Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church embraces theological differences and, without creating more harm to any group, will lead so that within the jurisdiction, there will be room for different theological understandings. Further, we will work with everyone to honor Jesus Christ and advance the mission and ministry within the Northeastern Jurisdiction." - The Northeastern College of Bishops.

Dear United Methodists in the Northeastern Jurisdiction,

The postponed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church met from April 23 until May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and approved important changes for our church. Today, we are writing to you because we are receiving questions about continuing with disaffiliations.

Disaffiliations

The delegates at the General Conference deleted paragraph 2553 in our Book of Discipline, which was inserted in 2019, to provide a temporary path for congregations to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church through December 31,

2023. As many as 25% of United Methodist congregations chose this path.

The NEJ College of Bishops will uphold the decision made by the delegates at the postponed 2020 General Conference to discontinue any disaffiliation process and NOT support any more disaffiliations. The United Methodist Church is moving forward as a church that embraces theological diversity.

People have inquired about the use of other disciplinary paragraphs to allow disaffiliations. To be clear, the General Conference indicated through the legislation it approved that disaffiliation is no longer a path for leaving the denomination. There was no extension of disaffiliation, and the disaffiliation paragraph was removed from The Book of Discipline. Two paragraphs were considered in the past: paragraph 2548 was ruled by the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church not to be used for disaffiliations, and paragraph 2549 is for a church closure and how to handle the property. Now that disaffiliations have concluded, the College of Bishops will ensure that annual conferences receive the best value for any sold property.

Same-Gender Weddings and Appointments of LGBTQ Pastors

You may have read or heard that the Global Methodist Church and other non-UMC groups and individuals have said that United Methodist clergy will now be forced to perform same-gender weddings and that our congregations will be required to permit same-gender weddings. This is NOT true. The General Conference passed legislation that prevents district superintendents and bishops from penalizing pastors and churches that refuse to perform or allow a same-gender wedding on their property. No clergy will be forced to perform same-gender weddings, and no congregation will be required to permit same-gender weddings on their premises. Clergy and congregations are now entrusted to make these decisions gracefully, considering their ministry context based on their beliefs and attitudes regarding ministry with and by LGBTQ persons.

We will make appointments based on gifts, graces, experience, commitments, and theological alignment between congregations and clergy.

In the summer, the College of Bishops will commission a small team of theologically diverse clergy and laity to create a resource to assist

congregations in understanding the changes made by the General Conference regarding human sexuality and working through weddings and appointments. This resource is intended to provide a healthy process to (re)build relationships, listen to learn and reflect theologically on this matter from our distinctive Wesleyan perspective so congregations can discern how to move forward. No clergy or laity will be asked to change their beliefs. The goal is to make the resource available by September 1, 2024.

A Future with Hope

We celebrate other important decisions made by the General Conference, including the proposal for a new regional structure for our denomination that, if ratified, will allow for more contextual and equitable ministry, fully revised social principles, a renewed commitment to creation care, sacramental rights for deacons, the consecration of new missionaries, and the historic vote to reunite and establish full communion with Episcopalians, the group Methodism separated from in 1784.

The United Methodist Church is moving forward as a diverse worldwide Christian community that welcomes people from all walks of life. Our faith and hope are anchored in Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, our journey of faith and mission is grounded in Scripture and guided by our doctrine, polity, and social principles. We celebrate our rich diversity as a gift from God. Although we may not always agree on certain specific issues, we remain joyfully united in our love for Christ and our shared mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In this new season, we are moving forward, claiming God's future with joy and hope—all for God's glory.

Together in mission,

The College of Bishops

Northeastern Jurisdiction

The United Methodist Church

www.nejumc.org

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7pm - Vitality Pathways	4 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH) Online Bible Study 7:00 PM	5	6
7 Holy Communion Sunday	8 <i>Camp Hope</i>	9 <i>Camp Hope</i>	10 <i>Camp Hope</i>	11 <i>Camp Hope</i> Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	12 <i>Camp Hope</i> 4-H 7:00 PM	13
14 Praise & Worship Sunday	15	16	17 7pm - Vitality Pathways	18 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	19	20 Food Pantry 9am-11am
21 Heifer Sunday	22	23 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm	24	25 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	26	27
28	29	30	31 7pm - Vitality Pathways			

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	2	3
4 Holy Communion Sunday	5	6	7	8 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	9 4-H 7:00 PM	10
11 Praise & Worship Sunday	12	13 Church Council 7:00 pm	14 <i>Lamplighter Deadline</i>	15 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	16	17 Food Pantry 9am-11am
18 Heifer Sunday	19	20	21	22 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	23	24
25	26	27 Star Fellowship 12:00 pm	28	29 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - 9 pm (FH)	30	

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Summer Schedule



June 2 - Sept 8
10:00 am Worship

Refreshments & fellowship
following worship
in the Narthex