



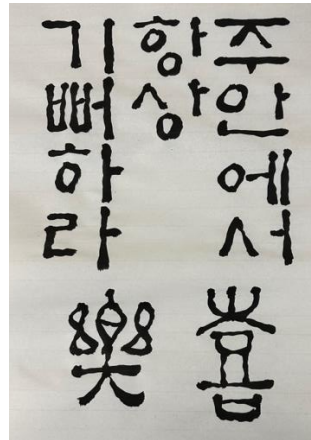
WARD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter June 2025



At the 241st Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, held May 13–15 in Baltimore, I had the joy of sharing a piece of my spiritual practice through calligraphy, rooted in both my Korean heritage and my Christian faith.



The theme of this year's conference was **"Rejoice in the Lord always"** (Philippians 4:4). My calligraphy piece reflected this theme in two parts. At the top, I wrote in Korean, **"Rejoice in the Lord"** (주 안에서 항상 기뻐하라). Below, I included two ancient Chinese characters, **Hee Rak (喜樂)**, meaning "Rejoice," written in the traditional Bronze Script.

These characters are hieroglyphic, symbolizing joy and celebration. "喜" (Hee) depicts musical instruments, and "樂" (Rak) shows a gathering table. Together, they evoke a joyful community—an image that reminded me of the Communion table at our Conference worship. My prayer was that we would all experience the joy of the Lord through shared fellowship and faith.

Calligraphy is a deeply spiritual discipline for me. Before writing, I grind ink by hand for about 25 minutes. This becomes my meditation time—a moment to reflect on Scripture and prepare my heart. Writing each stroke requires focus and repetition, sometimes hundreds of times. But through this practice, I find spiritual clarity and peace.

My teacher once told me, *"You are not just writing words—you are carving them into your heart."* That phrase still guides me. For me, calligraphy is not just art—it's prayer, devotion, and an offering to God.

I was grateful to share this expression with our Annual Conference and now with you, my church family. May we all continue to **claim joy**—as a mindset, a discipline, and a way of life in Christ.

In Christ's love,
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 check expiration dates before you donate!

We are currently asking for donations of school supplies which we will give out in August.

Extras needed:

- Ketchup, mustard
- Relish, hot dogs

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

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
Lulu Karagozi – Lorient Encore
Margaret Hare – Augsburg Senior Living
Ralph Fletcher – at home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Finance Committee** and the **Church Council** will meet on June 10 at 6:30 and 7:00 pm, respectively.

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### Quiet Time prior to Sunday Church Service:

It has been great to come together and unite in worship and fellowship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Whenever you start something new or change something old there is an adjustment period. We have heard from some who miss the calm stillness of the 8:30 service as a time of reflection and prayer with God. Others preferred the fellowship at the start of the 11:00 service. As we come together as one, we are looking for ways to try to accommodate everyone.

The suggestion was made for a "Quiet Time" prior to gathering for church. There was careful consideration and discussion with the Trustees, committees, and individuals who need access to the sanctuary to get ready for the service. It was also taken into consideration that most of the congregation starts to gather approximately 15 minutes prior to the service for fellowship and to find their pew.

Starting in June, the sanctuary will be open **9:30 - 9:45** for a period of Quiet Time for individuals who want to pray, reflect, meditate or just enjoy the solitude. We ask others arriving before 9:45 and not taking part in the quiet time to use the Narthex for a time of fellowship. Individuals using the small parking lot and lift arriving prior to 9:45, please come in! Just be respectful of those using the quiet time.

Remember also that during the summer months we will be having refreshments and fellowship after the service.

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Yoga Class: Yoga classes will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm in the narthex. If you need more info, please contact the church office. It's a very low-key atmosphere with most of us at the beginner level. The instructor, Danielle, is very easy to talk to, so please join us!

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**Flexibility Class:** Some of the yoga class participants would like to meet more often for an informal accountability-type of flexibility class. We'll

be using some flexibility flash cards and short video clips for instruction. We plan to meet on Mondays at 6:30 the weeks there is not a yoga class. Our next class is **June 2 at 6:30 pm**. Please email the church office if you are interested.

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A Thank You:
Thank you so much for the lovely cards, prayers and calls. Your thoughtfulness is so uplifting during stressful recovery times. ~ Love you, Linda Ensor

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
CONSUMER ADVICE

**Government Impersonator Scams**

**Here's how they work:**

You get a call, email, or text message from someone who says they're from the Social Security Administration or Medicare. They say something alarming — like your Social Security number has been suspended. Or maybe you'll miss out on a government benefit. To fix it, they say you must pay, give them your personal information, or put your money on gift cards and read them the PIN numbers.

The caller may know some of your Social Security number. And your caller ID might show a Washington, DC area code. But is it really the government calling?

No. The government doesn't call people out of the blue with threats or promises of money. Caller IDs can be faked, so if you're not sure, contact the agency at a phone number you know to be true (not the one they called you from).

**Here's what to do:**

1. **Stop. Don't send money to anyone who calls, emails, or texts and says they're with the government.** Don't send them cash or pay them with gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency. The government won't demand payment that way — and you won't get your money back. If you want to reach a government agency, find their contact information at **USA.gov**.
2. **Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have gotten one of these calls, emails, or texts, but chances are, you know someone who has.

**Want to know more?**

Sign up for Consumer Alerts at [ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts](https://ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts).

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND, NEVER JEALOUS, BOASTFUL, PROUD OR RUDE. LOVE ISN'T SELFISH OR QUICK TEMPERED. LOVE REJOICES IN THE TRUTH. LOVE IS ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE, LOYAL, HUMBLE AND TRUSTING. LOVE NEVER FAILS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE LOVED JUST AS YOU ARE. COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDS US. FOR NOW THERE ARE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. BUT OF THESE THREE, THE GREATEST IS LOVE.

— 1 Corinthians 13

# The Home that LOVE Built.

## C A P I T A L C A M P A I G N

April 28, 2025

Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church  
11023 Liberty Road  
Randallstown, MD 21133

Dear Congregation of Ward's Chapel UMC,

Simply saying "thank you" for your generous gift to our organization doesn't seem sufficient. Our team feels truly blessed to have supporters like you, and we are deeply grateful for your incredible contribution. Your gift is appreciated more than you know.

Because of your generosity, our plans to break ground in the Spring of 2025 are now within reach, and your donation will play a pivotal role in helping us meet our campaign goal for "The Home that LOVE Built."

Your gift of \$2,000.00 - check number 17103, dated 04.12.25 - is unmatched in its impact. Our team was deeply humbled by your generosity. With your support, The Shepherd's Staff's dreams are becoming reality. This new "home" will offer showers, laundry facilities, and a shop where individuals can find clothing and household goods. Most importantly, it will provide a level of dignity, compassion, and respect that everyone deserves.

By moving our offsite workspaces and storage onsite, we will be able to operate more cost-effectively and efficiently. Perhaps most significantly, your contribution will allow us to welcome our guests into our home, offering a safe and supportive space where they can share their joys and concerns. For some, it will be the only home they will enter.

Thank you once again for your incredible support. With your gift, we can continue making a difference in the lives of so many. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at [Brenda.Meadows@shepstaff.org](mailto:Brenda.Meadows@shepstaff.org) or by phone at 443.244.0453.

Grace and peace,  
**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, INC.**

  
Brenda Meadows  
Executive Director

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April 25, 2025

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of First Fruits Farm and those we serve, thank you for supporting our mission with your gift of \$2,000.00, which we received on 4/23/2025. Your generosity enables us to meet the escalating needs of our community and ensures healthy food is accessible to all, regardless of zip code.

Hunger and food insecurity affect far too many with more and more families, seniors, and others seeking assistance to meet their basic needs. Every year, the Farm is asked to do more but cannot do it alone, so your support is critical. Our commitment to donate 100% of everything we grow remains steadfast...nothing is sold, so gifts of all sizes truly make a difference.


Our 27th season has officially begun, with ambitious goals to meet the increasing demand in our sector for fresh, nourishing food. We have already planted onions, potatoes, and cole crops in our fields, with many more to come as we move into the season. Five greenhouses are growing tomatoes which will bear fruit throughout the summer into the fall – we anticipate each greenhouse will yield up to 25,000 pounds of tomatoes. In total, we aim to grow and distribute 6 million pounds of produce this season - 3 million pounds grown here at the Farm, and 3 million pounds of food that are procured as part of our 3rd party Food Rescue program. We are growing in almost every way – since the start of 2025 began, we've added 35 new Distribution Partners and are committed to say yes to those in need, as Jesus has called us to do.

Thanks to you our ministry is thriving, and we look forward to many exciting opportunities ahead, faithfully following His guidance on this amazing journey as we **GROW MORE – GIVE MORE – SERVE MORE**. We welcome you to the Farm anytime for a tour, to see your gift in action. Please contact Meghan Tapscott at [meghan@firstfruitsfarm.org](mailto:meghan@firstfruitsfarm.org) to arrange.

Many thanks for your support, and we hope to see you at the Farm this season!

Blessings,

  
Richard Bernstein  
Executive Director

*Thanks so much for your faithful  
and very generous support!*  


First Fruits Farm, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 65-1220502. No goods or services were exchanged for your contribution; therefore, your gift is 100% tax-deductible.



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May 5, 2025

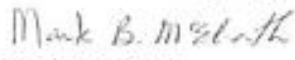
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Dear Friends,

With my sincerest gratitude, thank you for your donation of \$500 (check #17108 dated 4/12/2025) to Horizon Day Camp. We have notified the Oakley Family that your gift was made in honor of Payton.

Your support means the world to us and plays a vital role in creating a safe and joyful haven for these courageous young warriors. With your gift we will continue to provide smiles, laughter and hope to children throughout 2025, our 10<sup>th</sup> year in Maryland!

With warmest regards,

  
Mark McElrath  
Executive Director

*Please retain this letter as documentation of gifts that you may claim as a tax deduction. Kindly note the value of the goods and/or services provided by Horizon Day Camp, a member of Sunrise Day Camps Association (EIN: 46-5555854) for this donation is \$0, the balance of which is a tax-deductible gift.*



# June 2025

| Sunday                                           | Monday                                         | Tuesday                                                   | Wednesday                                                                            | Thursday                                     | Friday               | Saturday                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Holy Communion                                 | 2<br><br><i>Flexibility class<br/>6:30 PM</i>  | 3                                                         | 4<br><br>Congregational<br>Vitality 7:00 pm                                          | 5<br><br>Online Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM       | 6<br><br>4-H 7:00 PM | 7<br><br>Music Team Practice<br>12 pm |
| 8 <b>Pentecost</b><br>Praise & Worship<br>Sunday | 9<br><br><i>Yoga class<br/>6:30 PM</i>         | 10<br><br>Finance<br>6:30 pm<br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm | 11<br><br>Liberty Goodtimers<br>11:30 am<br><b>Lamplighter<br/>Deadline</b>          | 12                                           | 13                   | 14                                    |
| 15 Heifer Sunday                                 | 16<br><br><i>Flexibility class<br/>6:30 PM</i> | 17<br><br>SPRC 7:00 PM                                    | 18<br><br>Congregational<br>Vitality 7:00 pm                                         | 19<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Men's Dinner at Oscar's | 20                   | 21<br><br>Food Pantry<br>9am-11am     |
| 22                                               | 23<br><br><i>Yoga class<br/>6:30 PM</i>        | 24<br><br><i>Office closed</i>                            | 25<br><br><i>Office closed</i>                                                       | 26<br><br><i>Office closed</i>               | 27                   | 28                                    |
| 29                                               | 30                                             | 31                                                        |  |                                              |                      |                                       |

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## Sundays

9:30-9:45 am Quiet Time in  
sanctuary

10:00 am Worship Service