



TIDINGS OF WELLER

*"The Church on the Hill with a Heart for All:
Learning, Loving, Sharing and Serving God"*

January 2024

Happy New Year!

In Tune With The Master

You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:7

Out West an old shepherd had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone "A". The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on that particular day the true tone of "A" was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune—out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master, we too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

As this new year begins, ask God to help you tune your life every day to His Word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you.

Hope for Today

Are you feeling weary and worn? Are you desperate for something to change?
Ask God to reveal where your life may be out of tune. He will be faithful to you.

Graham, Billy, Hope for Each Day, Words of Wisdom and Faith © 2002, 2012, 2015, 2017, Published by Thomas Nelson

Bible Trivia Question: Which of the four horsemen in Revelation spreads famine on the earth?

***The answer is located at the bottom of Page 3.**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us!

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service and 10:30 a.m. Praise Service

WUMC Sunday School 9:30am Sundays	<u>Pre K—Kindergarten</u> Debbie Stull & Joan Staub (in Church Nursery)	<u>1st Grade—5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler (in Weller House)
WUMC Sunday School	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett & Bill Balsley (in Library)	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkens (in Weller House)

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Church Worship Attendance

December 3	100
December 10	88
December 17	106
December 24	101
Dec. 24 7:00 pm	61
Dec. 24 9:00 pm	76

Upcoming WUMC Meetings:

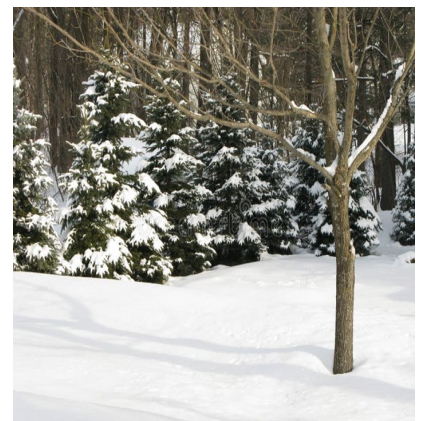
Trustees	Jan. 04, 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team	Jan. 08, 6:00 p.m.
Council	Jan. 09, 6:00 p.m.
Worship	Jan. 22, 6:00 p.m.

Weller UMC Sermons

Did you know that you can listen to Pastor Mark's sermons each week by phone, or watch the 10:30 a.m. Praise Service on Facebook and YouTube!

Listen: If you know someone who doesn't have internet access or you'd like to listen to it again, please call 240-288-1302.

Watch: You can watch all recorded sermons on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WellerUMC -or- on YouTube by searching "WellerUMC WorshipAcct"



MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

We've had a busy year in Missions with great support from our Weller UMC congregation! We pray this will continue in the coming year and we will endeavor to use our resources to the benefit of as many people as possible in our goal of giving what we can to the "least of these".

We will be meeting at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool to **Mission Central** this Saturday, January 6th. Please sign up in the narthex and let us know whether you wish to drive or ride so that we can make sure we have enough drivers. We will be taking quite a few donations with us this time so we need to plan ahead. Call Pat Alexander at 301-514-2638 for more information.

Weller once again had great participation in the **Thurmont Ministerium/Food Bank Christmas Gift** program. Sixteen families were sponsored by Weller individuals and groups which we are sure helped make Christmas a little brighter for the children in those families and I think for many of those who were sponsors, as well.

Weller brought some Christmas joy to the residents of **Edenton Retirement Community** in Frederick, also. Seventy small treat boxes were made by Sandy Fahnestock using Christmas cards. Barb Barbe provided a few chocolates to add to each one. Along with the filled treat boxes, each resident also received a Christmas card handmade by Betty Willard (who works tirelessly on our card ministry year round!).

The Director of Activities at **Edenton** sent a note of thanks saying:

"The residents loved their beautiful cards and little boxes with candy. They kept going on and on about how cute those boxes were. You all are so very, very kind and generous."

Donations from the Food Bank bin in the hallway and the **Catoctin Pregnancy Center** were delivered. Vickie Howes happened to spot a real bargain on 7 new, children's small size winter jackets for \$3.67 each while shopping, which we were able to pay for from Mission Funds and which will also go to the Pregnancy Center.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Alexander at 301-514-2638.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar flower donors from 2023 have been carried over to 2024. If anyone wishes to give up their Sunday as flower donor, please contact Nancy Rice. If anyone wishes to become a new flower donor, please also contact Nancy. The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who donates fresh flowers; not only do they make our church altar look beautiful, but they will then brighten the days of many who are homebound or ill.

Answer to Bible Trivia Question: The rider on the black horse. (Revelation 6:5-6)

No report this month.

SPECIAL NEWS

Michele's Moments

- 01/07/24 Let faith, not fear, be your compass.
- 01/14/24 The only one who was qualified to throw a stone didn't.
- 01/21/24 God has already prepared the way. Now He's just preparing you.
- 01/28/24 When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.



Do you have any outdated calendars and old greeting cards?

Old calendar pictures and cards would be greatly appreciated for decorating the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and making notepads throughout the year. Please place them in the collection tote in the hallway. Thank you!



The **Cheeseball Ladies** would like to thank everyone who bought cheeseballs. The cheeseball factory made 138 cheeseballs and made a profit of \$749.00 that was given to the cemetery. Chocolate Easter eggs will go on sale in March, just in time for your Easter baskets. Thank you for all your support!



"You have got to be kidding me! There must be some mistake!", he said. How could Pastor Mark's ticket have been drawn to win him a bag of coal? Could it have been a higher power at work, and we're not talking Santa!

Other than that, the **Weller UMC Christmas Dinner** was awesome! The rain didn't dampen the Christmas spirit as 78 people attended. Great service, great food thanks to Kountry Kitchen, and epic fellowship that will last a lifetime. Special thanks to Jessica Bentley for her singing talent, thanks also to Karen Younkens and her crew for the many things they did to make this celebration of Christmas a huge success!

**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



01/01 Caleb Alexander	01/12 Mike & Nicole Brown (A)
01/01 Janice Snyder	01/12 Robert & Arlean Fogle (A)
01/02 Nathan Long	01/16 Henry Alexander
01/04 Makayla Eibert	01/16 Bonnie Baust
01/05 Earl Weant	01/19 Carrie Alexander
01/07 Sandra Dennie	01/19 Moe & Janice Snyder (A)
01/07 Zander Hahn	01/20 Troy Woods
01/09 Collin Schildt	01/20 Fred & Karen Younkens (A)
01/09 Donnie & Kelly Wastler (A)	01/22 Shirley Lantz
01/10 Jennifer McGuire	01/23 Bruce Baust
01/11 Bob Follin	01/26 Donetta Herbert
01/12 Chooi-Hah Monroe	01/26 Jamison Mathias

JOIN THE FREDERICK COUNTY TEAM! For many here, lack of transportation is often cited as a leading barrier for those needing to access essential community services. Many residents need a way to a doctor's appointment, to the supermarket and pharmacy, to attend a class, participate in social outings and faith activities, even to a job interview. Volunteers lend their time to provide safe, reliable rides in their own vehicles to meet the specific needs of our Frederick County neighbors in need. By doing so, you will have opportunities to serve your community, meet new people, share conversations, and significantly contribute to your neighbors' ability to stay healthy, active, and vital.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A RIDE. Rides fit your schedule and are convenient to your location. Opportunities to drive are available during each day, 365 days a year. You can choose your rides by using our online portal or calling our office. To learn more and apply to be a volunteer driver, visit **RidesForGood.org/volunteer** or call **(240) 285-9137**



Janie Eyler, a resident at Homewood, was recently visited and received a basket of goodies from our Care Team. She sends greetings to all the

Weller Church family and wishes everyone a Happy New Year!



A message was received from Troy Woods, on behalf of his father, Ed Woods, thanking the Church family for all of the Christmas cards sent to Ed!

We want to thank the Care Team for always thinking of us! Gene enjoyed the goodies and me too. He also enjoyed the people that delivered them! Thanks again.

*God Bless,
Rosie and Gene Andrews*

Dear Friends at Weller Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas cards and especially for your continued prayers. This year has been a difficult one for us on all levels. But, hopefully 2024 will be better. I will say that 2023 hasn't been completely devoid of blessings and I want to share there is always something to thank God for. And may God bless you all with grace and peace in 2024.

Pastor Chris and Keith Suerdieck

In memory of Dottie Strine Kline
(12/28/41-11/22/2020)

We were fortunate enough to find some writings from Dottie. We are sharing them each month in memory of her for her service and dedication to Weller. She was a very special loving and faithful servant and disciple of Jesus Christ.

Thank you God for Dottie Kline!

Happy New Year!
(Some food for thought from
your neighbor, Dottie Kline)

Hard to believe another
year.
Seems 2005 began just a short
time ago.
Does time go faster as you grow
older?

A NEW year.... a clean slate... a
new beginning..... a fresh start.
What does it hold for me?
A clean slate to fill with my life
story... Should I rethink my
priorities?
A new beginning ... Can I put
my past mistakes behind me and
move on?
A fresh start... Can I change and
grow watered by the fresh dew of
God's love?

With the blessing of God, this
new year will develop by His
strength and power. And it will
bring peace, joy and love to
my soul.



The Potter's Hands – Puppet Ministry NEEDS YOU!!

The Potter's Hands Puppet Ministry needs your help so we can continue to entertain and share the word of Jesus Christ. This is a fun, exciting and fulfilling method of ministry presented during church services, VBS or shows.

Our Puppet team mainly consists of what I call the 3 P's.

- Puppeteer – handling the puppets during songs (no talking required), during skits (where talking is required but you are behind the stage).
- Propateer – work with making and using signs and props during a performance.
- Picturteer – (I made up that word) but means to help create and design the signs and props.

Best of all, this is for those of you that would like to 'Do Something' to share the word of Jesus Christ by being a part of this Ministry. If you don't like to be seen by lots of people, this is exactly why puppetry would be perfect for you! We work totally behind curtains, and no one knows who is doing what!

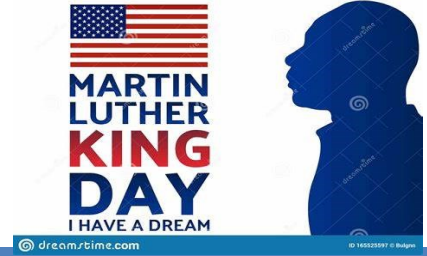
We are looking for anyone in the 5th grade or older, teenagers, young adults, adults and older adults like me! LOL!! Our normal practices are Sundays starting at noon going to 1:30 p.m.

If interested, please contact Wes Baugher (240) 818-1122 (texting is best option) or the Church office at (301) 271-2802 and we'll provide you with further details. We would love to have you join our team!!



2024

January 15th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Office Closed	2 *Book Club, 7:00pm	3	4 *Trustee's Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Church Library	5 *Office Closed	6 *Mission Trip to Mechanicsburg,, PA. Meet @ Weller at 8 a.m. to carpool
7 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	8 *Office Closed *Outreach Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Church Library	9 *Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Church Library	10	11	12 *Office Closed	13
14 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	15 *Office Closed *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18	19 *Office Closed	20
21 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	22 *Office Closed *Worship Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Church Library	23	24	25	26 *Office Closed	27
28 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	29 *Office Closed	30	31			