



TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

June 2025

SUMMER

We can experience Spiritual seasons in our lives similar to earthly seasons. What does summer bring spiritually? All the things that summer symbolizes- rest, joy, refreshment, fruitfulness and more.

The Bible frequently describes summer as a season of growth. Summer in the Bible is a season of blessings, fruitful harvests, and God's abundance.

Spiritual summer describes a period of time for our own spiritual growth and the production of spiritual fruit. It's the time of year to build up your spiritual life/foundation and deepening your relationship with Jesus.

The extra leisure time that summer brings means more time for Bible study, devotions, reflection, and quiet time. Being out in nature is the perfect steppingstone to spontaneous praise, gratitude, and worship.

It can also be a time of intense heat waves and storms that come to us as challenges and difficulties. God can use these hot and sultry "dog days of summer" to strengthen us and build up our trust in Him.

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Michele's Moments

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| 6/01/25 | Don't settle for less than what God has for you. |
| 6/08/25 | Whatever you're questioning, God has the answer. Talk to Him. |
| 6/15/25 | God won't fix what you won't give to Him. |
| 6/22/25 | Pain that brings you closer to God will always be better than comfort that keeps you away from Him. |
| 6/29/25 | Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark. |



WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us!

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

Weller United Methodist Church

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Pastor Mark Eyler

CCLI #988176

Weller UMC Sermons

Did you know that you can listen to Pastor Mark's sermons each week by phone, or watch one of the services 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".

WUMC Sunday School 9:30 am	<u>Pre K—Kindergarten</u> Debbie Stull & Joan Staub (No summer classes after 06/02/25)	<u>1st thru 5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler and Nancy Eyler (No summer classes after 06/02/25)	<u>6th thru 8th Grade</u> Karen Purcell & Hannah LeGore (No summer classes after 06/02/25)
	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and Roger & Becky Harbaugh (in Library) (Classes will resume in fall)	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkins (in Weller House)	

Worship Attendance	
April 27	95
May 04	124
May 11	108
May 18	101
May 25	101

2025 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

One Combined Service will be held only on the following summer dates at 9:30 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School classes on those dates. All other Sunday services in June, July and August will be held at their normally scheduled time.

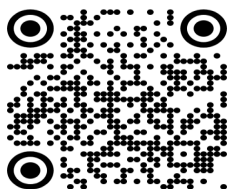
June 8

July 20

August 17

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**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



6/01	Lauren Kelley	6/15	Sandra Fahnestock
6/03	Steve Purcell	6/15	Jared & Kelly Grimm (A)
6/06	Roy Clever	6/15	Susan Storer
6/06	Becky Harbaugh	6/16	Katy Bowers
6/07	Mike & Linda Henning (A)	6/16	Ethel Brauer
6/07	Braelynn Keilholtz	6/16	Sarah Pickett
6/07	May Morrison	6/17	Haley Varner
6/08	Terry Willard	6/19	Stephanie McKay
6/09	LaSeille Willard	6/19	Nick & Becky Smith (A)
6/10	Henry & Pat Alexander (A)	6/23	Ashley Reese
6/12	Faithlon Mathias	6/28	Scott Alexander
6/12	Penny Toms	6/28	Anna Selders
6/14	Rebecca Howes	6/29	Irene Shank
6/15	Mark & Lori Eyler (A)	6/30	Justin & Sarah Pickett (A)

CEMETERY BOARD by Bob Miller

The Weller Cemetery Board has begun having a series of **Bake Sale Fundraisers**. All proceeds will benefit the Weller Cemetery Fund. Thanks to the long hours spent by the bakers, Nancy Rice, Carol Long and Felicia Albert, the first **Bake Sale** on Mother's Day made a whopping \$550.00 for the Cemetery Fund. Thanks to all who purchased baked goods! The next **Bake Sale** is planned for Sunday, June 29th. It will be set up outside in front of the church, weather permitting, before and after 1st service and before 2nd service.



Weller Cemetery Honorary/Memorial Brick Fundraiser

The Cemetery Board of Trustees is once again offering spots on its honorary/memorial brick walkway (on the right side of the church) for purchase. Single (regular) sized bricks will be offered at \$200.00 each, while double-sized bricks will be \$240.00 each.

Forms will be included in the first bulletin of the next several months to place your order (one form per brick ordered, please) and available in the narthex.

MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

On May 8th, five volunteers traveled to **Mission Central** in Mechanicsburg, PA to deliver 30 bags of clothing, 4 bags of shoes and 2 donated laptops. Jim, Pastor Mark and Henry worked in the warehouse on checking Cleaning Buckets for shipment and completed 60 buckets. Chooi-Hah and Pat worked with a few local people checking Care Kits and made good progress.



From left, Jim Monroe, Pastor Mark and Henry Alexander



From left, Pat Alexander and Chooi-Hah Monroe

We are still receiving Food Bank donations in the bin in the hallway which are being delivered to the **Thurmont Food Bank**.

The **Catoctin Pregnancy Center** Bin in the hall has been getting a steady stream of donations which they have been very happy to receive.

Six bags of bedsheets were delivered to **Beyond Shelter** in May to be used in their emergency overnight shelter or their family shelter. They will accept **flat and fitted twin or full size sheets and pillowcases** in good condition, if you have any to donate.

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

Copy of Editorial appearing in
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Feb. 13, 1896, Thurmont, Maryland

OUR CHURCHES

Church history will interest only so far as one's individual church is concerned, and to the public at large is distasteful, and might readily be dispensed with; but for the fact that we recognize what a field has been opened through the church for the development of what is best in woman.

In beginning this sketch, one of the most interesting parts would be left out did we not go back to the origin and founding of the first house of worship in Mechanicstown (the original name).

Close upon the opening of the present century, itinerant ministers, followers of P.W. Otterbein, known by the name of United Brethren in Christ, traversed the country through Virginia, Western Maryland and southwestern Pennsylvania, preaching and establishing missions here and there. This village had no place, either private or public, set aside for worship and the nearest point was two miles distant where a band of devout Moravian/Brethren had settled and built a church, and named their settlement "Graceham", or "Hamlet of Grace," for, they said, God had granted them grace and a resting place in this quiet retreat. Later on, members of the German Reformed and Lutheran faith built a church one mile and a half to the east of town, on a tract of land donated by one, John Apple. To this day it goes by the name of the donor, or "Apple's Church". This did not yet meet the wants of the people, so that when one of these traveling ministers stopped for a night's lodging at the home of Jacob Weller, Sr., and offered to preach for them on his return, it was gladly accepted. This was during the Summer of 1820. Arrangements were made and word was sent far and near, saying that on such a Sunday "Public Worship" would be held in Jacob Weller's yard. Mr. Weller was a man of influence and considerable wealth and his possessions extended over many acres. His home was the house now owned by the W.M.R.R. Company, and was surrounded by forest. The land had been cleared facing the south and a grass plot laid out and fenced in for a yard. And a row of fine English poplars planted for a border, which many of the readers of this sketch will remember. It was here, in this ideal place of worship, in nature's own temple, that the nucleus of the United Brethren Church was laid. This place was held for protracted gatherings for years afterward. In the meantime, a schoolhouse was secured in the village for regular worship and every three or four weeks the blowing of a horn in front of the building would announce the arrival of the minister. Rev. William Brown, then an aged man, was the first pastor to serve this mission.

This building, located on what is now called Water Street, was afterward converted into a dwelling, and was occupied as such until destroyed by fire, last October, then in possession of William Cover.

HISTORY TEAM NEWS (Cont'd)

In the course of time, this building became too small to accommodate the worshippers and again Mr. Weller, Sr., came forward to open the way. He donated a plat of ground on a fine elevated part of his land for a church building and a grave yard, and his son, named Jacob also, with the addition of B.S., (for "blacksmith") to his name, to designate or distinguish him from his father, a man of influence and considerable wealth, here took up the work and by his large contribution of money, as well as labor, erected the substantial stone church at the head of Altamont Ave. The cornerstone was laid October 31st, in 1830, and the church was finished the following year, and was generally known as "Weller's Church" (or "Weller's Meeting House").

But the noble old patriarch, Jacob Weller, Sr., did not see the completion of his heart's desire. When the walls were up and under roof, he died. His body was laid near the church, the first to consecrate the soil to its intended use, and in the unfinished building with its earthen floor, and (loose) boards for benches, the solemn funeral rites were held.

Additions were made to the burying ground at later periods, and it is now known as "Cemetery Hill".

The first minister in charge after the church was completed, is in doubt, the early church records being lost; but those of our citizens who have imperfect recollections of that time, think it was a Rev. Dorcas.

Two children of Jacob Weller, S.S., are yet living residents of Thurmont; or Mrs. Andrew Sefton, in her 83rd year, and Jacob Weller, Jr. (or III), in his 76th year.

The church continues in a flourishing condition and the Sunday school, which was organized under the head of Union Sunday School, has never ceased its work, although the name was changed to United Brethren Sunday School, some years later. The societies connected with the Church are, The Women's Missionary Society; Mite Society; Young People's Union. Present Pastor in charge Rev. E.C.B. Castle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark met with DCOM on May 21st and was reinstated for another year as Pastor of Weller.

Praise God!

SAVE THE DATE!

WELLER'S ANNUAL PICNIC
IS SCHEDULED FOR
AUGUST 17th at 1:00 p.m.!

—UPCOMING MEETINGS—

Worship	July 7, 6:00 pm
Council	July 8, 6:00 pm
Trustee's	July 10, 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

ATTENTION!!

Prayer requests or concerns should be emailed to Pastor Mark (pastormark1umc@gmail.com) and copied to our Admin Sue (secretary@wellerumc.comcastbiz.net). You may also text or call Pastor Mark directly with prayer concerns. Pick up his business card in the narthex. This is to ensure that prayer requests are seen outside of normal office hours. Thank you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!

Dear Weller members and visitors,

Please be advised that we are live-streaming our 10:30 service, and occasionally our 8:30 service, on YouTube. You and/or your children may appear on camera in the video, which is then permanently available on YouTube to anyone who finds our channel.

If you have a concern and do not wish to be shown on camera, please let the Audio Visual (A/V) team, the pastor, or the church office know!

May God Bless you as we worship Him together!

Bob Miller and the A/V team

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!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)



A Recognition of graduates will be on Sunday, June 15th, 10:30 a.m. service.

Congratulations to Derek Harbaugh for graduating from Salisbury University and Mikayla Shockey for graduating from Linganore High School!

Pastor Mark will be out through June 11th. During this time, prayer concerns, urgent matters and emergencies can be directed to Paulette Mathias at 240-674-4944 or motterridgefarms@aol.com.

June 1st Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker—Rev. Mike Henning

June 8th Combined Service at 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday School

Guest Speaker—Ed Schildt

Thank you Rev. Mike, Ed, and Karen Purcell for filling in for Pastor Mark and Lori. Your willingness to help out is much appreciated while they get some much needed relaxation!

RESTHAVEN BURIAL PLOTS—An individual has offered to donate the proceeds of the sale of two burial plots at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick, MD to Weller Church. The plots are located in the Garden of Devotion, lot # 59-C, spaces three and four. The price of \$7,250.00 includes two spaces, perpetual care, interment, one bronze memorialization, two custom built crypts and the deed transfer fee. Contact Pastor Mark or the Church Office at (301) 271-2802 if interested.

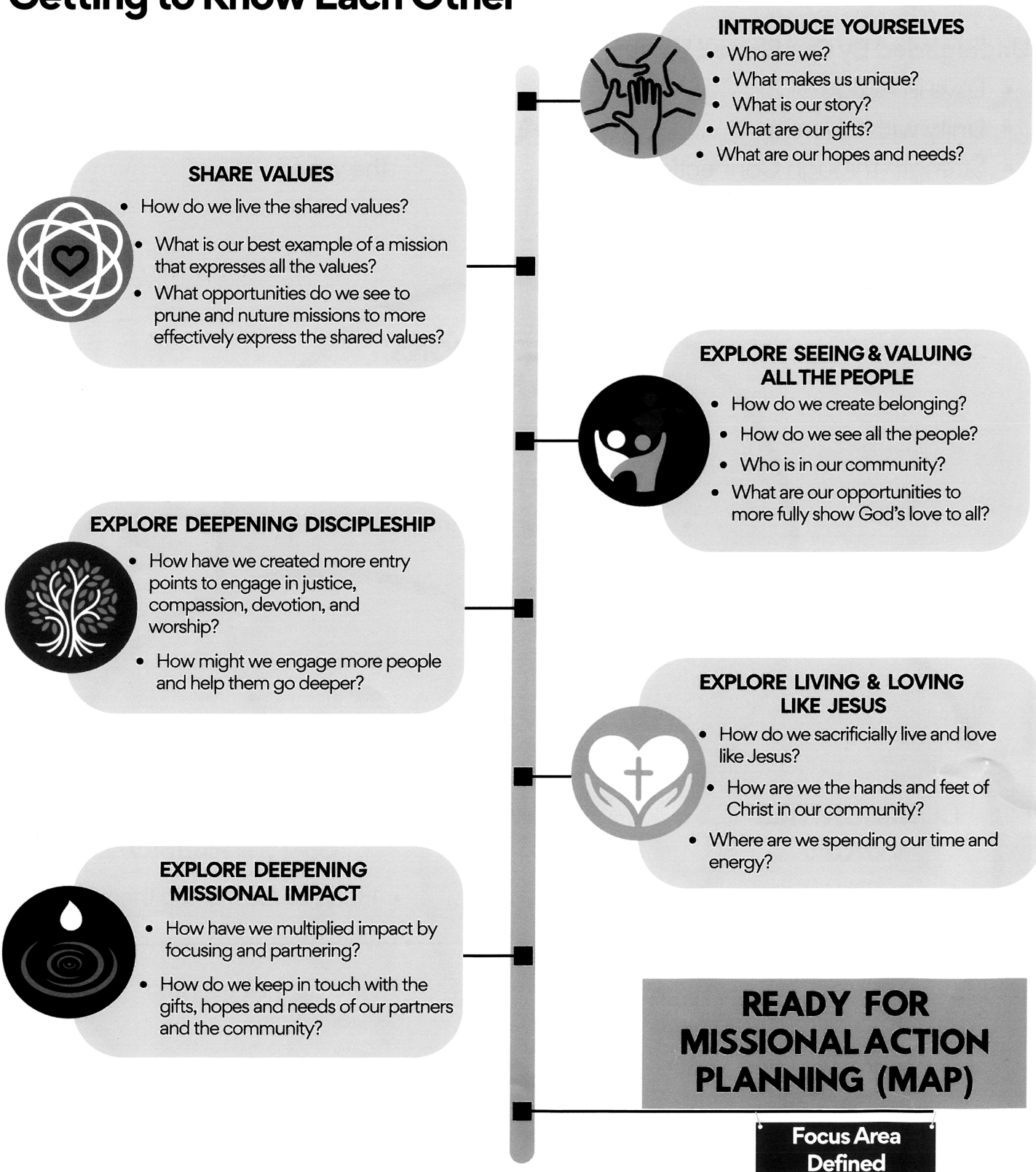
RESTRUCTURE PLAN — The Baltimore –Washington Conference is developing a restructure plan for United Methodist Churches to be in Hubs. The BWC will have 7 new districts and 64 collaborative Hubs which go into effect July 1, 2025. The reason for the redistricting is for churches to grow in vitality. Below is the list of the group to which Weller has been assigned and on the next two pages you will find the purpose of the Hubs.

Thurmont Area Hub

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| * Lewistown, Thurmont, MD | * Tom's Creek, Emmitsburg, MD |
| * Messiah, Taneytown, MD | * Trinity, Emmitsburg, MD |
| * Thurmont, Thurmont, MD | * Weller, Thurmont, MD |

Collaborative Hubs

Getting to Know Each Other



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Undergirded By Our Shared Values

- Love in Action
- Unity with Diversity
- Strength through Connection
- Partnering with Purpose
- Freedom to Try

and

Our Purpose

To develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Frederick Keys Baseball

It's time for the annual Weller UMC group outing to see the Frederick Keys. Come and bring your friends for an evening of fun at the ballpark! It's Fireworks Night on Saturday, July 12th at the Frederick Keys' Harry Grove Stadium. The Keys will play the Trenton Thunder in a MLB Draft League game beginning at 6:00pm.

Our tickets will be reserved and in the same section as last year. Wheelchair seating will be available on the concourse behind our section. Group reserved seat ticket prices are:

- \$12 for adults age 13 to 59
- \$9 for ages 3-12, seniors age 60+, and active or former military
- Ages 2 and under are free

This is a **Fireworks Super Show night**. So stay around after the game to see a larger than normal fireworks show. It is **also Scout Night** with activities for scouts like camping in the outfield and a movie on the scoreboard screen. Scouts are usually registered by their troop, but if a Weller scout wants to attend but his/her troop isn't participating, we were told we could notify the Keys to get them registered.

There is a sign-up sheet in the church front hallway. Our count for the game and all ticket money will be due by Sunday, June 29th. Tickets will be distributed on Sunday, July 6th. Contact Henry Alexander at 301-639-5649 for more information.

Weller United Methodist Church VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Thursday, June 26th • 9am-12pm

Friday, June 27th • 9am-12pm

Mount Tabor Park

13616 Motters Station Rd

Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

Grades Pre-K-5th Grade

Bible Studies, Games,
Music, Arts & More



➔ If interested in volunteering or signing your child up, please contact Kelsey McClure at (240) 397-0351.

THANK YOU'S

To Pastor Mark & Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers, please continue to pray because the problem has not been resolved, also thank you for the beautiful flowers from the altar.

Bless you all
Leo Venessa

Pastor Mark and Weller Church,

Thank you very much for allowing us to hold my mother's celebration of life in your church. Your kindness and support were also greatly appreciated - it made a difficult day easier.

In Christ's love,
Connie Masser

Thank you for our lovely gift of a prayer shawl in honor of our beautiful mother. It's comforting to know how it was made with love, care and prayers.
From the family of
"Joyce Grimm"

Dear Joan & Weller Church

Thank you so much for thinking of me and getting the prayer shawl for me. It was so thoughtful of you. Also, please thank the others that helped make it and those that prayed over it for me as well. Prayers and faith will get me through this and whatever lies ahead. I'm humbled by the number of people praying for me even people that I don't even know.

My next chemo treatment is this week and I'm sure it will embrace me in warmth and give me comfort.

Thanks again,

Barb Stastny

Wellers Church -

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives really mean
to us.....

Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered

Angie & Family
Stacey & Family

THANK YOU'S (Cont'd)

CATOCTIN PREGNANCY CENTER

P.O. Box 1168
130 South Seton Ave, #3 Rear
Emmitsburg MD 21727
(301) 447-3391

25 April 2025

Weller United Methodist Church
101 N. Altamont Avenue
Thurmont, MD 21788

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of 14 handmade tied fleece blankets along with 6 bags of clothes and miscellaneous items. Your generosity and kindness goes a long way to helping the Center be able to assist all of the mothers and fathers who come to us with compassionate care.

As you know, the Center is run on an entire volunteer basis and receives no support other than donations such as yours. We are so grateful for our donors and helpers for their support of our pro-life efforts to help all mothers and fathers in their greatest time of need.

Best Regards,



Barbara Lowrie
Administrative Assistant

2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am, Guest Speaker Rev Mike Henning, Last day of Children's Sunday School until fall	2 *Office Closed	3 *Book Club, 7:00 pm	4	5 *Office Closed	6 *Office Closed	7
8 *Combined Worship Service, 9:30 am, Guest Speaker Ed Schildt, No Adult Sunday School, The Potter's Hands Puppetry perform	9 *Office Closed	10	11	12	13 *Office Closed	14 Flag Day 
15 Father's Day *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am Recognition of Graduates, 10:30 a.m. service	16 *Office Closed	17	18	19	20 *Office Closed	21
22 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am	23 *Office Closed	24	25	26 *VBS, 9:00 a.m.- Noon, Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge	27 *Office Closed *VBS, 9:00 a.m.- Noon, Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge	28
29 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am Baptism of Blake & Rylee Purcell, 10:30 a.m. Bake Sale, see Newsletter for times	30 *Office Closed					