



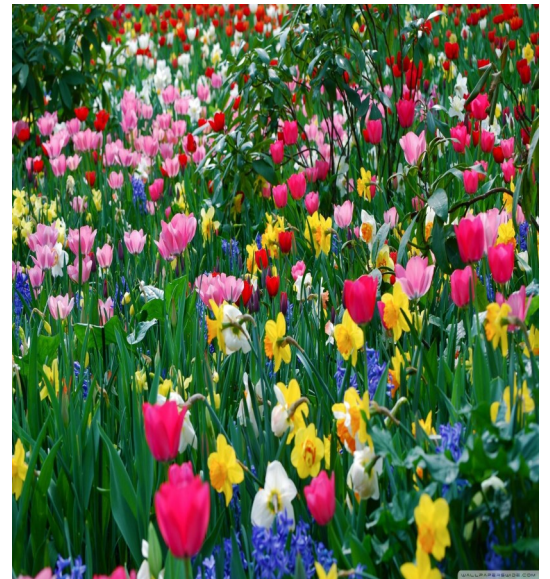
## TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

**May 2025**

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**Spring is a season of renewal and hope for Christians.** It reminds us of new life, growth, and the promise of Christ. As flowers bloom and animals are born, we are reminded of the beauty and innocence in the world, and the need to leave behind old, dead parts of life. Just as spring brings optimism and hope, Christians live a faith centered on hope. It's a time for spiritual growth through time with God and fellowship with other believers. Let us embrace the change and beauty of this season.



### Michele's Moments



- 5/04/25 It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.
- 5/11/25 Prayer will get you in, get you out and get you through.
- 5/18/25 The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow.
- 5/25/25 One prayer can make a dramatic difference in an overwhelming situation.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/WellerUMC) -or- on YouTube by searching "WellerUMC WorshipAcct".

| <b>WUMC<br/>Sunday School<br/>9:30 am</b> | <b><u>Pre K—Kindergarten</u></b><br>Debbie Stull &<br>Joan Staub<br>(in Church Nursery) | <b><u>1st thru 5th Grade</u></b><br>Donnie &<br>Kelly Wastler<br>and Nancy Eyler<br>(in Weller House) | <b><u>6th thru 8th Grade</u></b><br>Karen Purcell &<br>Hannah LeGore<br>(in Fellowship Hall) |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WUMC<br/>Sunday School</b>             | <b><u>Adult</u></b><br>Sarah Pickett and<br>Roger & Becky<br>Harbaugh (in Library)      | <b><u>Adult</u></b><br>Fred Younkens<br>(in Weller House)                                             |                                                                                              |

### **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**

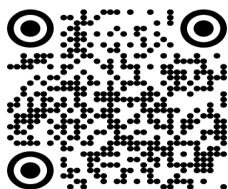
**August 17**

### **Worship Attendance**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| March 30 | 115         |
| April 06 | 128         |
| April 13 | 138         |
| April 20 | 143         |
| April 27 | TBA in June |

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**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS  
&  
ANNIVERSARIES**



|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5/01 Steve & Karen Purcell (A)  | 5/19 Charles & Donetta Herbert (A) |
| 5/09 Steven Howard              | 5/19 Jim Monroe                    |
| 5/09 Patrick Kelley             | 5/19 Phyllis Wynkoop               |
| 5/10 Bobby & Pam Bowers (A)     | 5/20 Maddie Mae Eyler              |
| 5/11 Vanessa Krietz             | 5/21 Kathy Wivell                  |
| 5/11 Bob & Nancy Shaffer (A)    | 5/24 Hunter Reese                  |
| 5/17 Mike Henning               | 5/27 Josh & Nicole Kelley          |
| 5/17 Wayne & Beth Persinger (A) | 5/29 Joanne Chase                  |
| 5/18 Mandy Howard               | 5/30 Glenn Watson                  |

## FINANCE NEWS by Jim Monroe

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

The first quarter of 2025 has our giving a little behind what is 3 months planned budget for the year.

Thanks to all who participated in the talent show/auction. Combined with the funds received last year, these gifts have now exceeded the cost of the steeple repair and painting. There was also enough to cover the cost of replacing the 110 year old wooden lintel above the window in the front of the bell tower, which was found to be quite rotted and allowing water to leak into the masonry.

| Weller UMC          | Giving        | Plan To Date  | Spending      | vs. Giving    | Notes:                     |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| General             | \$ 45,174     | 51,097        | 46,931        | (1,757)       |                            |
| In & Out Designated | 721           | -             | -             | 721           |                            |
| Cemetery            | 2,843         | 4,226         | 6             | 2,837         | Not counting CDs Deposited |
| Missions            | 2,499         | 2,509         | 652           | 1,847         |                            |
| Capital             | 2,356         | 2,642         | 843           | 1,513         |                            |
| Steeple Fund        | 6,351         | -             | -             | 6,351         |                            |
| Youth               | 60            | 26            | 72            | (12)          |                            |
| Memorials           | 163           | -             | -             | 163           |                            |
| Elevator Fund       | 2,784         | 5,230         | 891           | 1,893         | Loan Interest Payment      |
| Parsonage           | <u>4,200</u>  | <u>2,774</u>  | <u>414</u>    | <u>3,786</u>  |                            |
| 31-Mar-25           | <b>67,151</b> | <b>68,505</b> | <b>49,809</b> | <b>17,342</b> |                            |

## MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

### Mission Central Trip

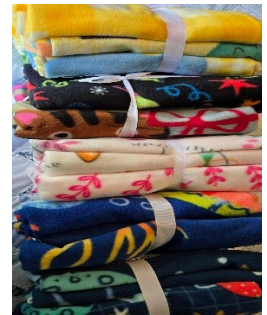
On May 8<sup>th</sup> we will be heading to **Mission Central** to volunteer once again. There is a sign-up sheet in the front hall. We will meet at Weller at 8 a.m. and carpool to Mechanicsburg to arrive at 9 a.m. We will volunteer from 9 until 11:30, eat lunch at Baker's Diner and return to Weller by about 3 p.m. Please indicate on the sign up sheet whether you need to ride or can drive so we can plan ahead. We will be delivering bags of adult clothes to Mission Central when we go, along with shoes and some computer related items.

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

### A few facts about Mission Central you may not know:

- \*Mission Central's warehouse assisted over 8.7 million people with resources in 2024.
  - \*They are able to turn every dollar donated into \$38 in resources, which assists 14 people.
  - \*Every item provided through Mission Central is provided at no cost to the recipient.
- Their medical ministry is their largest ministry. In 2024, they supplied over \$2.7 million in medical resources to those in need.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, we were able to deliver **6** bags of very nice baby and toddler clothes to the **Catoctin Pregnancy Center** along with some toys and miscellaneous baby supplies. We also delivered **14** tied fleece blankets which the volunteers there were very excited about. They said the mothers are also really excited to see them when they are available. Among those who volunteered to work on the blankets at church were: Bonnie Baust, Sue Keilholtz, Paulette Mathias, Karen Younkins, Cindy Hart, Gloria Balsley, and Pat Alexander. Karen also worked on four of the blankets with about 6 friends at their Bible Study Group.



We delivered **75** handmade Easter baskets containing a few pieces of chocolates for the 75 residents at **Edenton Retirement Community**. In addition, they each received a handmade Easter card from Weller.

## CEMETERY BOARD by Bob Miller

The Weller Cemetery Board will be having a series of **bake sale fundraisers** this Spring. All proceeds will benefit the Weller Cemetery. The bake sales will begin on Mother's Day and more information will be forthcoming!



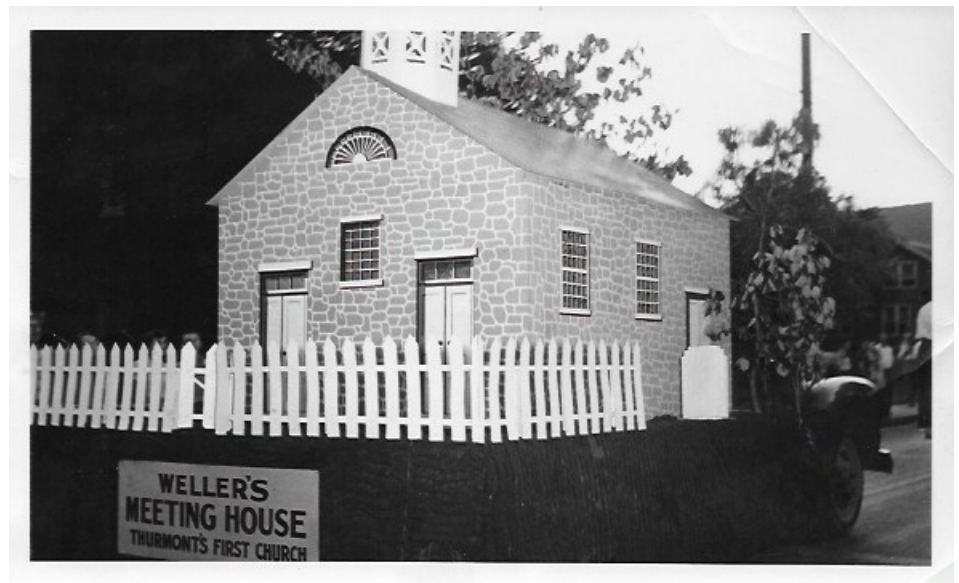
### Weller Cemetery Honorary/Memorial Brick Fundraiser

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.

## HISTORY TEAM NEWS by Nancy Rice & Pat Alexander

This is the Weller Church float that appeared in Thurmont's 1951 Bi-centennial Parade, with a replica of the original church building. While clearing out the area for the elevator installation, Ed Schildt came across this sign below. It's the same sign used on the float. What a great find for the Weller UMC History Room.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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)



It's almost **graduation time!** If there are any students in our church family graduating high school or college, please inform Pastor Mark or the Admin Sue at 301-271-2802. Thank you!

### —UPCOMING MEETINGS—

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Trustee's | May 01, 6:00 pm |
| Outreach  | May 12, 6:00 pm |
| Council   | May 20, 6:00 pm |

## THANK YOU'S

Dear Weller Church Family,

With heartfelt thanks for the wonderful prayer shawl I received on Sunday, April 6. My gratitude to the ones who took their time and effort to make the shawl and to those who prayed over it.

In Christian love,  
Jan Owens

Dear Weller Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and cards. The cards were such a special treat to open when I received them. It was great to be back in church Sunday. I missed everyone.

Thank you Pastor Mark for your visit and calls.

Cindy Hart

2025



| Sun                                                      | Mon                                                | Tue                             | Wed | Thu                                                     | Fri                  | Sat |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|
|                                                          |                                                    |                                 |     | 1 National Day of Prayer<br>*Trustee's Meeting, 6:00 pm | 2<br>*Office Closed  | 3   |
| 4<br>*Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am                  | 5<br>*Office Closed                                | 6<br>*Book Club, 7:00 pm        | 7   | 8                                                       | 9<br>*Office Closed  | 10  |
| 11 Mother's Day<br>*Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am    | 12<br>*Office Closed<br>*Outreach Meeting, 6:00 pm | 13                              | 14  | 15                                                      | 16<br>*Office Closed | 17  |
| 18 Heritage Sunday<br>*Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am | 19<br>*Office Closed                               | 20<br>*Council Meeting, 6:00 pm | 21  | 22                                                      | 23<br>*Office Closed | 24  |
| 25<br>*Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am                 | 26 Memorial Day<br>*Office Closed                  | 27                              | 28  | 29                                                      | 30<br>*Office Closed | 31  |