



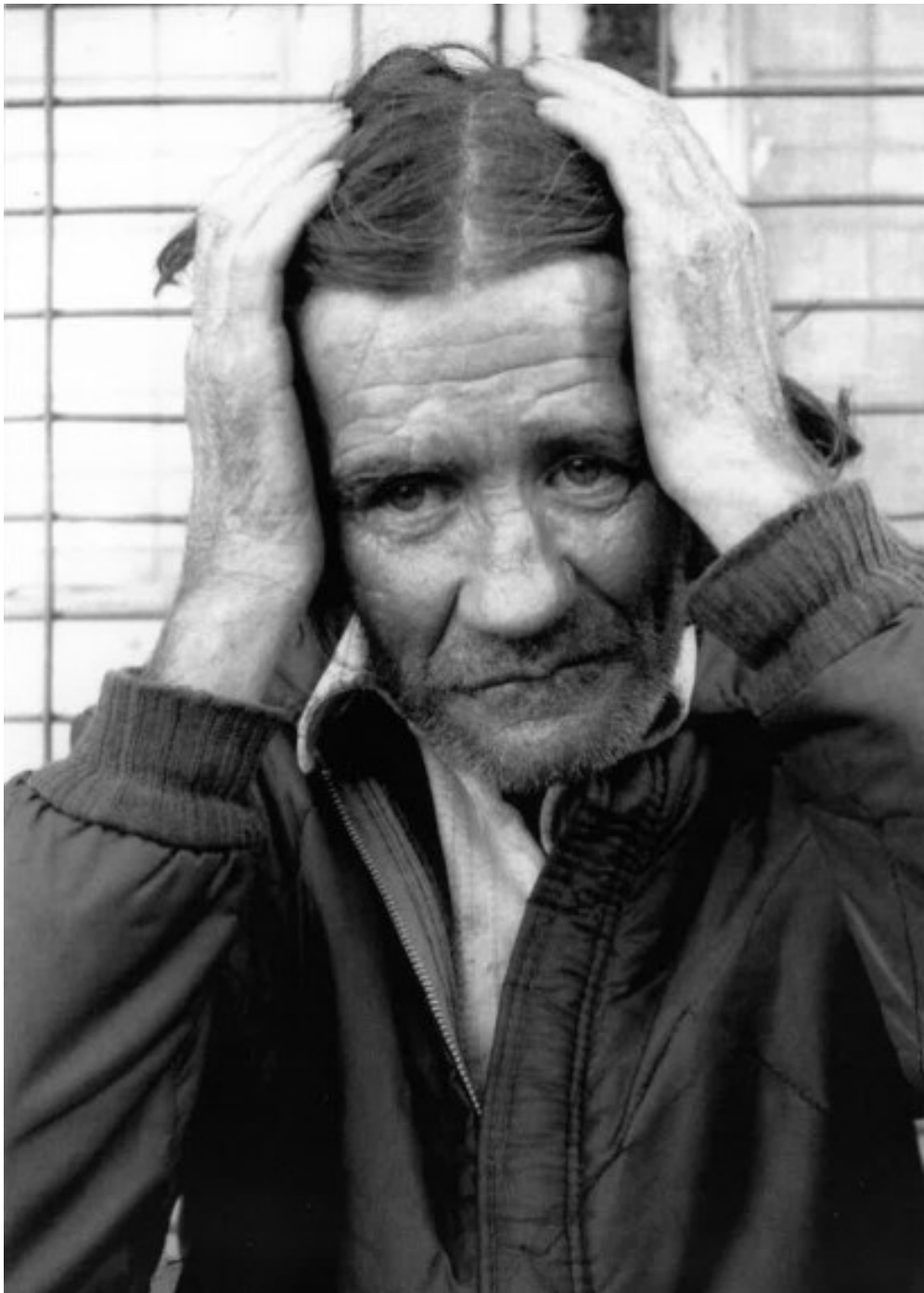
TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

OCTOBER 2025



What does this picture say to you?



WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us!

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

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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".

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 and Nancy Eyler (in Weller House)	<u>6th Grade—8th Grade</u> Karen Purcell & Hannah LeGore (in Fellowship Hall)
WUMC Sunday School	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and Roger & Becky Harbaugh (in Library)	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkens (in Weller House)	

Worship Attendance

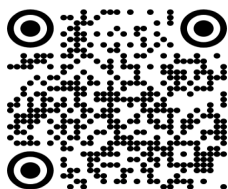
September 07	103
September 14	97
September 21	119
September 28	70 (comb)

UPCOMING COMBINED SERVICES

Oct. 12th at 8:30 a.m. (Colorfest weekend), no Sunday School
Oct. 26th at 9:30 a.m. and Weller Fall Fest at 10:30 a.m.

QR Codes for Quick Access! On your cell phone, go to camera settings and turn on QR codes button and return to main camera screen. Hold phone camera over a QR code below to get a link you would like to access. When link shows on your screen, click on the link.

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**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



10/01	Robert & Carol Long (A)	10/19	Tatum Staub
10/04	Mike & Monica Crone (A)	10/20	Casey Connally
10/06	Matthew Eyler	10/20	Larry Eby
10/06	Amy (Eyler) Fuller	10/20	Jacob Wastler
10/07	Bill & Sue Keilholtz	10/22	Kenneth Drye
10/07	Collin & Allyson Schildt	10/22	Peggy Royer
10/08	Anita Drye	10/23	Chris & Lauren Keilholtz (A)
10/09	Ann Day	10/23	Matthew & Jenny Roberts (A)
10/09	Paul Shultzaberger	10/23	David & Carol Stevens (A)
10/10	Pat Alexander	10/24	Rebecka Wivell
10/10	Cindy Hart	10/25	Alec Baugher
10/11	Eugene Andrew	10/27	Johnny Howes
10/13	Beth Persinger	10/28	Ethan & Kelsey McClure (A)
10/14	Kim Clever	10/30	Trey & Sarah BenVengi (A)
10/14	Charlie Dougherty	10/30	Vickie Howes
10/14	Lila Lee Schildt		
10/16	Terry & Cheryl Fogle (A)		
10/16	Helen Gelwicks		
10/16	Rylee Purcell		

CEMETERY BOARD by Bob Miller

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 are available in the narthex.



2025 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY!

Weller will once again be participating in the annual Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Ministry. This is a ministry we have been participating in for many years. Each year we send shoeboxes filled with gifts to children around the world. Not only do they receive the gifts in the box, but they have also the opportunity to learn about God and Jesus' love for them. The Weller OCC Team will pre-pack the individual shoeboxes for the children with the appropriate items based on gender and age. You may also purchase items and pack the boxes on your own, if you prefer to do so. However, please be aware there are numerous items that can not be included. The boxes are distributed to children in the following age groups: 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. This may be one of the very few gifts they will ever receive.

The boxes will include:

- School/Art supplies
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Four or five good quality toys/fun items
- Some type of clothing (hats, socks, underwear, tee shirt, dresses)
- A colorful Bible Story book in the child's native language.

Many of the children, depending on their location, will also have the opportunity to attend a 12 week Bible study class.

As the children are gathered in large groups and the boxes handed out, it is explained to them that this is a special gift from someone across the world who chose it just for them. Then, they are told of an even more precious gift; the gift of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, we ask you make a \$15.00 donation per box. Although the cost for filling and sending the boxes has increased, we are able to keep the \$15.00 per box donation that we have had for several years by supplementing with the proceeds of the yard sale. If you prefer to purchase items to pack boxes on your own, please be aware that there are several items that can not be included. A list of those items can be found on the Samaritan's purse website or you may check with me.

Sandy Fahnestock, 301-730-2944 (cell) or 301-271-4009 (home).

Donations for shoeboxes will be due on or before Sunday, Nov. 16th. If you would like to see the boxes or make your donation in person, **Sandy will be in the church office on the following Sunday mornings after each church service.**

Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov 9, and Nov. 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—UPCOMING MEETINGS—

Outreach—Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery —Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m.

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



Join the Weller UMC Handbell or Vocal Choir



I would like to extend an invitation to join one of the music performance choirs at Weller UMC.

The Hilltop Ringers, the handbell choir, will meet weekly beginning Sept. 18, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Hilltop Singers, the vocal choir, will meet weekly beginning Sept. 18, from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

These choirs will present our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 14, at 9:30 a.m.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining one or both of our choirs, please contact Deborah Shultzaberger at Debjrnp@aol.com or the church office, at 301-271-2802.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

ATTENTION!!

Prayer requests or concerns should be emailed to Pastor Mark (pastormark1umc@gmail.com) and copied to our Admin. (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!

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.

THE GIVING WAGON: We hope you consider sharing food donations for families in need this Thanksgiving. Children will be collecting the food every Sunday starting on October 19 with **November 9th** being the last Sunday for collection. **THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT.** We will be collecting the following food items on their respective Sunday:

10/19 Boxed Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

10/26 Corn and Peas

11/02 Stuffing Mix & Sweet Potatoes (canned)

11/09 Sauerkraut and Cranberry Sauce (canned)

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)

Upcoming Weller UMC Fall Yard Sale

Weather Permitting, Weller plans to have a yard sale on Wednesday, Oct. 8 AND Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm to raise funds for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. This ministry is one of the largest projects that the Weller congregation participates in. The yard sale will be held at the Weller House, across the street from the Church. Items will be available in both the garage and the handicapped accessible basement of the Weller House. Most items will not be priced. We ask that a donation be made for these. We have, however, this year received a large donation of new candles from Bath and Body, as well as many new Rae Dunn mugs. Since these are brand new, they will be priced.

For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, we pack shoeboxes for children ages 2-14 with school/art supplies, personal hygiene items, clothing, and fun/toy items. The boxes are shipped throughout the world to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Each child who receives a shoebox will also receive a colorful Bible Story book written in their native language. Most of the children, depending on where they live, are invited to participate in a 12-week Bible Study Class.

The proceeds of our yard sale will be used to help defray the costs involved for us to carry out this ministry. Last year, Weller was able to pack 215 shoeboxes. We are hoping to provide at least this amount again this year. Beginning October 19th, we will be asking those in the congregation who want to participate in this ministry to donate \$15.00 per box. With the rising costs of items, the \$15.00 does not cover the cost for the contents we include in the boxes, the cost of the colorful Bible Story Book, the 12-week Bible Study Class plus shipping fees. By using the yard sale money to supplement the costs, we can keep the \$15.00 per box donation that we have had in place for the last several years.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Fahnestock at 301-730-2944 (cell) or 301-271-4009 (home).



Weller Fall Festival
October 26th, 2025 9:30 AM
Lite lunch at 11:00 a.m.
Fall Crafts and wear your favorite Costume!
All are welcome!

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd 2025. If you know of a Saint who has passed since November 1st of last year, please send in their name, date of birth, date of passing and a photo to be included in our service that day. Please send to: secretary@wellerumc.comcastbiz.net by **October 16th**. Thank you.

THANK YOU'S

Weller Church Family,

My sincere thanks to all for the beautiful cards and texts. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring congregation.

May God Bless all of you. Love, Dottie Davis

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the all-volunteer staff of the **Catoctin Pregnancy Center**, THANK ALL OF YOU for the HUGE donation of items including diapers, clothes, toys, snuggle warm fleece blankets, etc., brought in on 16 July 2025. Please let all that contributed know how much we appreciate these thoughtful gifts.

It is because of your generosity that we can provide compassionate care to the mothers and fathers who come to the Center. We ask that you keep the Center in your prayers as we move forward to help those in need.

Best Regards,
Barbara Lowrie, Administrative Assistant

Dear Weller UMC,

Once again, the success of the **Catoctin Feeder School Supply Drive** allowed many students to show up on the first day of school with new supplies and prepared to learn. This happened through the generosity of many donors throughout the Thurmont, Sabillasville, Emmitsburg, Lewistown and Rocky Ridge communities.

On Tuesday, August 12th, families from the Catoctin Feeder Schools (Emmitsburg Elementary, Lewistown Elementary, Sabillasville Environmental School, Thurmont Primary School, Thurmont Elementary, Thurmont Middle and Catoctin High School) arrived at Graceham Moravian Church to receive new backpacks filled with supplies for the upcoming school year, which would begin the following Wednesday, August 20th, 2025. I wish all of you could have seen the many smiles the volunteers and I saw on the children's faces as they proudly put on their newly filled backpacks and left the church. We even had some do a happy dance. Parents and students were very appreciative of the help they received. The outpouring of love and kindness demonstrated in this project has meant so much to so many.

This year we were able to help 347 children with their school supplies thanks to the support of the community, churches, businesses and organizations. This could not have been accomplished without your support and embracing this project. I look forward to working with you next year as we continue to serve together to provide for our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Harbaugh, Catoctin Community School Supply Drive Coordinator

Dear Henry and Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to **Steps of Hope-Guatemala, Inc.** Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We have applied your gift to our programs as follows: Annual Operating Fund: \$1000.00.

The outpouring of support from the Steps of Hope community has been a tremendous source of encouragement during this difficult time recovering from the recent earthquakes. We are witnessing God's amazing work in Guatemala, and it is only possible because of the exceptional support we receive from friends like you. We truly couldn't do it without you.

On behalf of Jessalyn, our staff, the children, and families in Guatemala, please know that your thoughtful gift and ongoing prayers mean so much to us.

Gracias! Tim Pyle, Board Chair

FREDERICK KEYS GAME 2025



2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Closed		1 Bible Study – Library 9:00 AM	2 Handbell Practice, 6:00 –7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:15 – 8:30 pm	3 Office Closed	4
5 World Communion Sunday	6 Office Closed	7 Book Club 7:00 PM	8 Bible Study – Library 9:00 AM Weller Yard Sale 8:30-3:00	9 Weller Yard sale 8:30 -3:00 Handbell Practice, 6:00 –7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:15 – 8:30	10 Office Closed	11
12 *Combined Service, 8:30 am (due to Colorfest) No Sunday School	13 Office Closed Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 PM Cemetery Meeting 6:00 PM	14	15 Last Bible Study 9:00 AM	16 Handbell Practice, 6:00 –7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:15 – 8:30 <i>All Saints pictures due</i>	17 Office Closed	18
19 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am Laity Sunday Giving Wagon Food Collection Begins (children collect) <i>Box Mashed Potatoes and gravy</i>	20 Office Closed Worship Meeting 6:00 PM	21	22	23 Handbell Practice, 6:00 –7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:15 – 8:30	24 Office Closed	25
26 *Combined Service, 9:30 am *Fall Fest, 10:30 am –Costume & Crafts Lunch 11:00 am Giving Wagon Corn And Peas (canned)	27 Office Closed	28	29	30 Handbell Practice, 6:00 –7:00 PM Choir Practice, 7:15 – 8:30	31 Halloween Office Closed	