



TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

November 2025



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 11/2 All Saints Sunday
- 11/2 *Daylight Saving Time Ends*
- 11/3 Rescheduled Worship meeting 6:00 pm
- 11/3 Book Club, 7:00 pm
- 11/6 Handbell Practice, 6:00pm
- 11/6 Choir Practice, 7:15 pm
- 11/10 Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11/11 Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11/12 Volunteer at Thurmont Food Bank 12:30 pm
- 11/13 Mission Central 8 am Carpool
- 11/13 Handbell Practice, 6:00pm
- 11/13 Choir Practice, 7:15 pm
- 11/15 Weller Church Conference 4:30 PM
- 11/16 Puppet Ministry
- 11/23 Cemetary Board Bake Sale
- 11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING



We all miss the brilliant Fall colors on the scarlet maple trees in front of Weller cemetery; only one tree remains!

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".

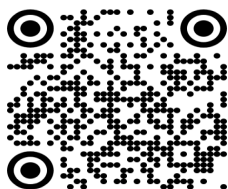
WUMC Sunday School 9:30am Sundays	<u>Pre K—Kindergarten</u> Debbie Stull & Joan Staub (in Church Nursery)	<u>1st Grade—5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler (in Weller House)	<u>6th Grade—8th Grade</u> Karen Purcell & Hannah LeGore (in Fellowship Hall)
WUMC Sunday School	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and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

Worship Attendance

October 05	105
October 12	44
October 19	107
October 26	78

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**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



11/02	Zachary Dutrow		
11/02	Nancy Eyler	11/12	Kimberly Bailey
11/03	Nancy Angell	11/16	Bill Clayton
11/03	Bill Balsley	11/17	Jeremy Connally
11/04	Maddox Connally	11/18	Gary Roberts
11/06	Abbey Shaffer	11/19	Virginia Gelwicks
11/07	Madelyn Clever	11/22	Joan Follin
11/07	Terry Fogle	11/23	Joyce Stambaugh
11/07	David & Jennifer McGuire (A)	11/24	Lilli Alexander
11/07	Terry & LaSeille Willard (A)	11/25	Monica Keeney
11/10	Bob Black	11/26	Barb Barbe
11/11	Nolan Griffith, Jr.	11/27	Josiah Dennie
11/11	Frank & Shirley Riffle (A)	11/28	Sarah BenVengi

MICHELE'S MOMENTS

11/02/25 Life is a puzzle. Look to God for the missing peace.

11/09/25 Joy comes when you see God's fingerprints all over your life.

11/16/25 The final stage of healing is using what happened to you to help other people.

11/23/25 The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but still, you are able to say, "Thank you, Lord."

11/30/25 You will never look into the eyes of someone God does not love. Always be kind.



FALLFEST



FALLFEST 2025 (CONT.)



MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander



The Weller yard sale to support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry was held on Oct. 8th and 9th. The \$2,350.00 we made from the event will cover the cost of the colorful Bible story books for each child, the 12 week Bible Study course for the children who receive a box, as well as covering the shipping costs. Whether you were involved in donating items, helping to pickup donations, purchasing items, helping with the set up and clean up or helping during the yard sale, we want to say, THANK YOU! Without you, it would not have been the success it was.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Thurmont Food Bank on Wednesday November 12th, at 12:30 pm to pack Thanksgiving Meal Bags for local residents.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthax.

Giving Wagon: Thanksgiving Basket Collection is in FINAL stages.



NOW thru November 9 (*change in date*)

Last week of donations will be Sauerkraut and Cranberry Sauce (canned)

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL HAVE GIVEN THIS YEAR!!



***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MISSION CENTRAL TRIP IN MECHANICSBURG, PA
ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH FROM 9-12 NOON***

If Carpooling, please meet at Weller at 8:00 am to arrive at Mission Central by 9 am.

We may be working in the warehouse sorting donated items, or working in the volunteer room on relief kits. Please call Pat Alexander at 301-514-2638 with questions. Sign up sheet is in the

Narthax.

Numerous items were provided to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center in the month of October.

MISSION TEAM NEWS (Cont'd)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025

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 also have 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. 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

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 from last year, 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 want to stop by and see the boxes and make your donation in person, Sandy Fahnestock will be in the church office on the following Sunday mornings immediately before and after each church service.

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

Donations may also be placed in the offering plate and marked "Shoebox".

Donations for shoeboxes will be due on or before Sunday, Nov. 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Fahnestock at 301.730.2944 or 301.271.4009.

FINANCE NEWS by Jim Monroe

As we journey together through another season of faith, it is important to reflect on one of the core pillars of our Christian walk—giving. Acts 20:35 reminds us, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” In our busy lives, it’s easy to overlook the quiet power of generosity and the profound impact it can have not only on our church, but on our personal spiritual growth as well.

Our year to date giving and spending through end of September:

Weller UMC	Giving	Plan To Date	Spending	vs. Giving	Notes:
General	\$ 145,123	145,992	118,652	26,471	
In & Out Designated	1,617	-	666	951	Flowers, Fundraiser supplies
Cemetery	13,510	12,075	13,839	(328)	Tree Removal, Mowing
Missions	7,375	7,170	4,966	2,409	OCC Supplies, Rescue Mission
Capital	6,975	7,547	11,203	(4,228)	Steam pipes, service cont. & Electrical
Steeple Fund	6,351	-	8,700	(2,349)	Steeple painting & Window Header
Youth	180	75	72	108	
Memorials	804	-	-	804	
Elevator Fund	9,000	14,943	1,531	7,469	Loan Interest & Drawing Fees
Parsonage	<u>12,523</u>	<u>7,925</u>	<u>11,698</u>	<u>825</u>	Taxes, insurance & Mgmt fees
30-Sep-25	203,459	195,728	171,327	32,132	

The up and down of our elevator project. Cost details below. Our loan at 4.5% over 15 years will have monthly payments of \$1051. Through the end of September our giving to the fund has been \$72,227

\$ 176,896.80	Elevator Costs	Paid from:	Elevator Giving:	
14,820.00	Architect	Elevator Fund	2022	\$ 6,635
5,224.61	loan fee	Loan Debit	2023	\$ 30,055
77,282.50	Down Payment	Loan Debit	2024	\$ 26,537
390.49	interest	Elevator Fund	2025 thru Sept	\$ 9,000
496.55	interest	Elevator Fund	Total Received	\$ 72,227
380.05	interest	Elevator Fund	Spending --	\$ 48,030
640.00	drawings	Elevator Fund	Balance	\$ 24,197
46,359.60	Mobilization	Loan Debit		
15,846.50	Completion 10%	Elevator Fund		
15,456.50	Final Inspection	Elevator Fund		
	Summary:			
128,866.71	Borrowed Loan			
46,763.00	Paid from Fund			
1,267.09	Interest from Fund			

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the Date!

Weller Catered Christmas Dinner

*Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 am
at the Thurmont Senior Center
Catered by
Kountry Kitchen*

Tickets are \$5.00 again this year (children under 3 are free) and will be sold at services on Nov. 23, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7th. More Information to follow.

Calling all kids to come out and join in on our annual Advent celebration on November 30th from 1:30- 3:30.

This year this event will be held in the basement of the Weller house. Follow the ramp on the side of the house for all the fun. We will have crafts to make, homemade treats and Santa will be stopping in to see all the kids. So get mom, dad or grandparents to bring you and their cameras for a photo shoot. Fun time for all. Hope to see you there.



TRUSTEES NEWS by Ed Schildt

The elevator installation is complete and all inspections are final as well. Praise God for guiding us through this journey !! The elevator cost was paid via a loan through the conference as well as the continued contributions by the congregation to the elevator fund. The fund paid \$46,763 of the cost and the balance of \$128,866.71 was borrowed through the conference at a low interest rate. The monthly payments are approx \$1200/month for 15years. (We hope to pay this loan off early with continued contributions) The elevator fund balance is \$25,464.00 at the end of September. We will use this fund to pay the monthly loan payment. Please continue to contribute to this project to pay off the loan.

Trustees have also installed a new doorbell system that is structured to provide security for the church via video and audio communication. While working through a few adjustments to the system we expect to be fully functional by the mid November.

Repair and replacement of the steps at the church entrance was scheduled for October but has been delayed until spring due to health concerns for the contractor hired to do the work. We ask for prayers for the contractor. Several other projects are being worked on by trustees at the Weller House and the Fellowship Hall.

Blessings to all !!

Some Weller History

By Nancy Rice, Co-chairperson
History Committee

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking to Richard "Dick" Creager, a former active member of the Weller Church congregation. He had volunteered to help me clean a few gravestones in the cemetery. He said to me "I want to pass on a story about the Weller bell tower". He asked if I knew that stones from the Stoner house demolition were used to rebuild the top portion. I had never heard that mentioned. He spoke how it was the desire of some church members and Reverend Andrews to remove the top brick section and replace it with the stones from the recent demolition (1960-61). These stones had been stockpiled on Ralph Miller's lot just off Water Street. Dick drove his family's (Creager's Flower Shop) dump truck and local business man, Leonard Fogle, loaded the stones using his backhoe. Dick hauled several loads to the church. Dick couldn't recall his name, but a mason, from up on the mountain, was then hired to do the stonework. Only enough stones were left over to fill a wheelbarrow.

The Stoner House was built in 1838 so one can imagine the stones possibly came from the same source as those used in constructing the original Weller Church. Although there is a slight difference, the stones were a pretty close match to the existing stones.

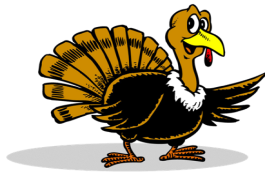
In 1965, the white steeple was added to the top.



Photo Center, Thurmont, Md.



2025



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*Office Closed		*Office Closed at 11:30 am.		*Office Closed	1 KEY: BLACK: WORSHIP SVCS & OFFICE INFO BLUE: MTGS RED: HOLIDAYS OR OTHER SPECIAL DATES GREEN: EVENTS VIOLET: OTHER
2 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am All Saints Sunday	3 *Office Closed Worship Meeting 6:00 pm	4 *Book Club, 7:00 pm	5 *Office Closes at 11:30 am.	6 *Handbell Choir Practice, 6:00 pm *Vocal Choir Practice, 7:15- pm	7 *Office Closed	8
9 Veterans Recognition *Last Day of Food Basket Collection	10 *Office Closed *Outreach Mtg, 6:00 pm	11 *Council Mtg, 6:00 pm	12 *Office Closes at 11:30 am. Volunteers needed at Thurmont Food Bank 12:30 pm	13 Mission Central 9:00am (carpool at 8 am) *Handbell Choir Practice, 6:00 pm *Choir Practice 7:00	14 *Office Closed	15 Lake District Church Conference Brook Hill UMC 4:30 pm 8946 Indian Springs Road. Frederick MD
16 Puppet Ministry (Both Services)	17 *Office Closed	18	19 *Office Closes at 11:30 am.	20	21 *Office Closed	22
23 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am All Saints Sunday	24 *Office Closed	25	26 *Office Closes at 11:30 am.	27 Thanksgiving	28 *Office Closed	29
30 Advent Celebration 1-3 pm (See info on page 10)						Page 12