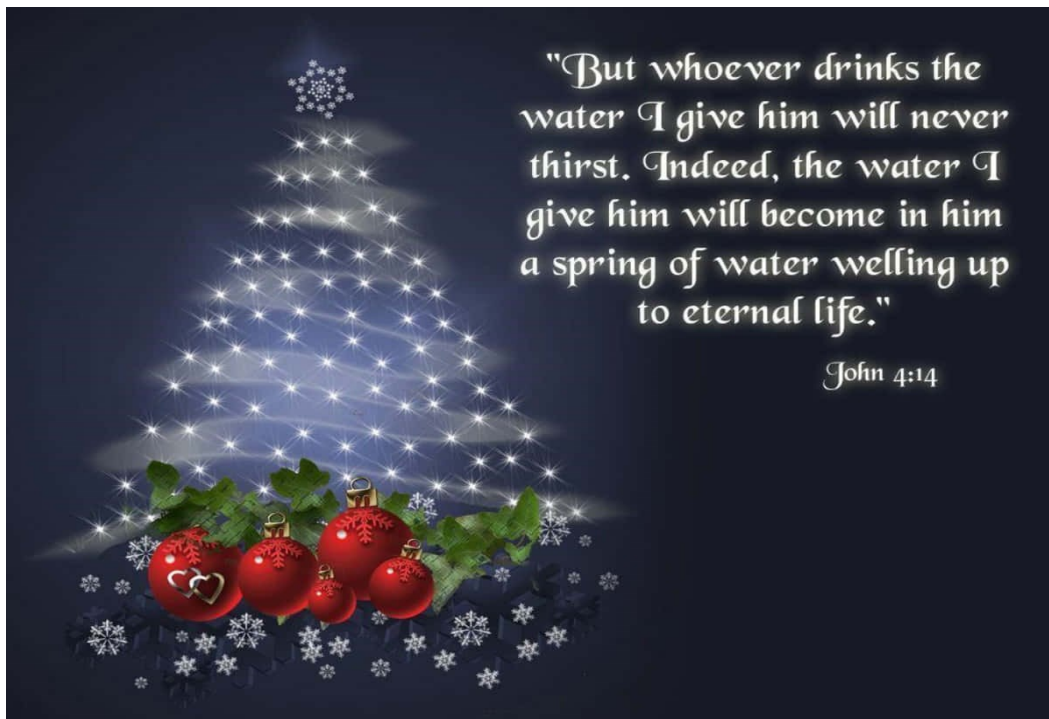




TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

December 2025



HAVE YOURSELF A HOLY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

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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Wed 8:00 am-11:30 am

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 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

November 2	120
November 9	114
November 16	114
November 23	117
November 30	TBA

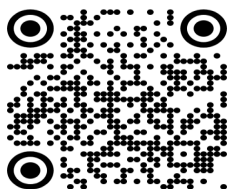
Be sure to add these dates to your calendar:

Dec. 14th Service: Christmas Cantata, 9:30 a.m. Combined Service

*Dec. 24th Services: 7:00 p.m. - Puppet Performance
9:00 p.m. - Handbells*

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**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



12/02	Jacob Crone	12/21	Josephine Eyler
12/3	Chris Kelly	12/21	Dalton Mathias
12/03	Carrie Long	12/21	Jolene Wolfe
12/3	David & Kim Bailey	12/22	Dennis Mathias
12/06	Heather Mathias	12/22	Colin Shultzaberger
12/07	Debbie Kurz	12/23	Will McKay
12/07	Paulette Mathias	12/23	Nancy Rice
12/08	Adalyn Eaves	12/25	Helen Moore
12/09	Dennis & Paulette Mathias (A)	12/25	Marilyn Worsham
12/14	Eugene & Rosie Andrew (A)	12/26	Allyson Schildt
12/15	Pam Bowers	12/26	Robert Long, Jr.
12/16	Kelly Wastler	12/26	Robert Shaffer, Sr.
12/17	Denny Sweeney	12/26	Ruby Storer
12/18	Daniel Dutrow	12/27	Chester Stull
12/18	Dawn Roberts	12/30	Chloe Keilholtz
12/18	Fred Younkens		

Michele's Moments

12/07/25 It hits different when you know it was all God.

12/14/25 Do not stop praying for God is surely listening.

12/21/25 May every joy that Christmas brings, be yours to share with those you love. "The blessing of the Lord be upon you."

Psalm 129:8



Mission Team Newsletter for December 2025

Weller was quite busy in November! Each Sunday, a different Thanksgiving food in cans or boxes was collected at church. It was done slightly differently this year. Each family brought a specific food item each week and we had a "Giving Wagon." In order to involve everyone, the kids took turns pulling the wagon throughout the sanctuary so that the cans and boxes of Thanksgiving food could be placed in the wagon as they passed by. Once they had collected the food, it was parked in the front of the sanctuary. After church the wagon was unloaded onto a table which was decorated to look like a bigger wagon. By the end of the food drive it was a very large amount of food that was taken to the **Thurmont Food Bank** for their clients Thanksgiving dinners!

On Wednesday, November 12th, 9 volunteers from Weller unloaded the donated food onto a large table at the **Food Bank** where we each took a paper grocery bag and circled the table putting in the correct number of cans or boxes from each area until we had assembled the full dinner. A turkey will be added by the Food Bank for each family on pick up day for the food bank.

On Thursday, November 13th, there were 6 people who signed up to deliver donations from **Weller** to **Mission Central** and volunteer to pack activity kits to be sent to areas where there is great need often related to weather disasters. The kits included school -type supplies. **222 kits were completed and an additional 20 checked for accuracy.** Mission Central had also put out an urgent request for hand towels for hygiene kits and we were able to purchase **68 towels** to donate to them.

Sandy Fahnestock was able to deliver Personal Hygiene products to **Edenton Nursing Care** for 8 residents.

Kim Grimm assembled **150 Treat Bags for Adults** for the **Thurmont Food Bank** as well as **100 Treat Bags** for Youth on behalf of **Weller**.

We will be having a **coat drive** during December and January to include men's, women's and children's coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves. They should be new or gently used and we will be taking them to the Rescue Mission in Frederick and the Thurmont Food Bank as well as other local organizations. They may be placed in the bins in the hallway marked **Coat Drive**. Already, 20 coats and 18 knit hats have been received and delivered to the Orenda Center in Sabillasville, Md.

Nicole Kelly looking through a large bin of coats and jackets at Mission Central.



A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. This year we had a substantial increase over last year. Last year, we packed 215 boxes and this year we packed 281 boxes. Several folks in the community who are not affiliated with Weller contributed to this ministry. St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sabillasville called and wanted to participate by helping to shop. They also donated \$250 towards purchasing items. A thank-you card is being sent to them for their generous donation.

Special thanks to the ten people who helped with the yard sale that generated \$2,350.00; all of which goes directly to this ministry. Also, thanks to the 16 people who helped pack the shoeboxes and those who donated items for us to include in the boxes. Many of the children who attended our Fall Festival helped to pack boxes. Also thanks to those of you who sponsored a box or boxes. It takes a lot of hands to make this a successful project.

In addition to the 281 boxes packed from Weller, we also packed 25 boxes for Monocacy Church of the Brethren in Rocky Ridge. A member of their church met with Sandy at the Weller House to pack those boxes.

The blessing of the boxes took place during our worship services on Nov 16th. On Nov 18th, three Weller members transported the 281 boxes to First Baptist Church in Thurmont where they will then be taken to Mountain View Community Church in Urbana. Once all the boxes from our geographic area are taken to Urbana, they will be taken by tractor trailer to the Samaritans Purse Warehouse in Windsor Mill, MD where approximately 700,000 boxes will be individually inspected to be sure they do not include items not permitted and that they have an adequate amount of items in each box.

If you have not had an opportunity to do some hands-on help with this ministry and would like to do so, please contact Sandy Fahnestock (301.730.2944). Plans are underway to meet over the winter and into next summer to complete some preparation work before starting to pack the boxes early next Fall. Whether you come and help once or on multiple occasions, your help will always be appreciated.

Please continue to bring in shoeboxes that you may have at home as we collect those all year. We had nearly 100 empty shoeboxes donated that we used this year. Thank you to those of you who brought them in.

FINANCE NEWS by Jim Monroe

Finance Update December Newsletter

Giving is more than just an act of charity; it is an act of worship. When we give—whether it's our time, talents, or treasures—we acknowledge God as the ultimate provider, and we demonstrate our trust in His faithfulness. Every gift, no matter the size, helps build God's kingdom on earth and supports vital ministries that touch lives both within our church family and in the wider community.

Weller UMC	Giving	Plan To Date	Spending	vs. Giving	Notes:
General	\$ 159,363	160,592	149,632	9,731	
In & Out Designated	1,671	-	886	785	Flowers, Fundraiser supplies
Cemetery	15,629	13,283	19,694	(4,064)	Tree Removal, Mowing, Bricks
Missions	14,142	7,887	5,124	9,018	OCC Supplies, Rescue Mission
Capital	7,654	8,302	11,218	(3,564)	Steam pipes, service cont. & Electrical
Steeple Fund	7,217	-	8,700	(1,483)	Steeple painting & Window Header
Youth	200	83	72	128	
Memorials	1,804	-	-	1,804	
Elevator Fund	9,783	16,438	32,834	(23,051)	Interest, Drawing Fees, Completion
Parsonage	12,523	8,717	11,798	725	Taxes, insurance & Mgmt fees
31-Oct-25	229,986	215,301	239,958	(9,972)	

General Expenses	Year to Date
<u>Category</u>	<u>\$ 149,632</u>
Pastor	\$ 46,725
Staff	\$ 25,735
Tax	\$ 2,143
Insure	\$ 20,192
Balt-Wash	\$ 28,032
Office	\$ 3,339
Church	\$ 11,231
Fuel	\$ 6,866
Weller	\$ 917
Community	\$ 1,327
Worship	\$ 3,126
Designated	\$ 1,886

WELLER PHOTO ALBUM



GIVING WAGON



CARE TEAM-THANKSGIVING BAGS



Shoebox Ministry 281 boxes packed!



CARE TEAM HARD AT WORK!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Card Exchange

If you would like to send a Christmas card to active members and worshippers of Weller UMC, a collection box will be available in the church Narthex. Cards are due by Sunday, December 14th. See Nov 11th and Dec 7th Bulletin inserts for list of seniors and home-bound members to include in the card exchange.



Advent wreath lighting volunteers needed for Nov. 30, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th, Dec. 21st, and Dec. 24th. Please call Becky at the Church Office— 301-271-2802 or email @ secretary@wellerumc.comcastbiz.net. 2 volunteers for each lighting. Thank you!



Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 am

Weller Fellowship Hall

Catered by Kountry Kitchen

Tickets are \$5.00 per person (children under 5 are free). Tickets will be sold at services today, Nov. 30th and Dec. 7th. For tickets, see Paulette Mathias and/or Gloria Balsley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)



Cheeseballs— Orders must be placed by Sunday December 14th. Order forms will be in the bulletins preceeding order deadline. PICK UP IS AVAILABLE SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST., All information necessary is on the order forms.



Weller's Honor or Memory Tree



Our Tree to remember and honor loved ones is located outside in front of the church. You're invited to make a \$1 donation in the container in the Narthex to help cover the cost of our ribbons. Please write the name of the person or people you would like to honor or remember on the ribbons by the jar, and place it on the tree out front. Thank you!



TAC 8th Annual Night of Remembrance

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Thurmont Regional Library

6:30-7:30 pm

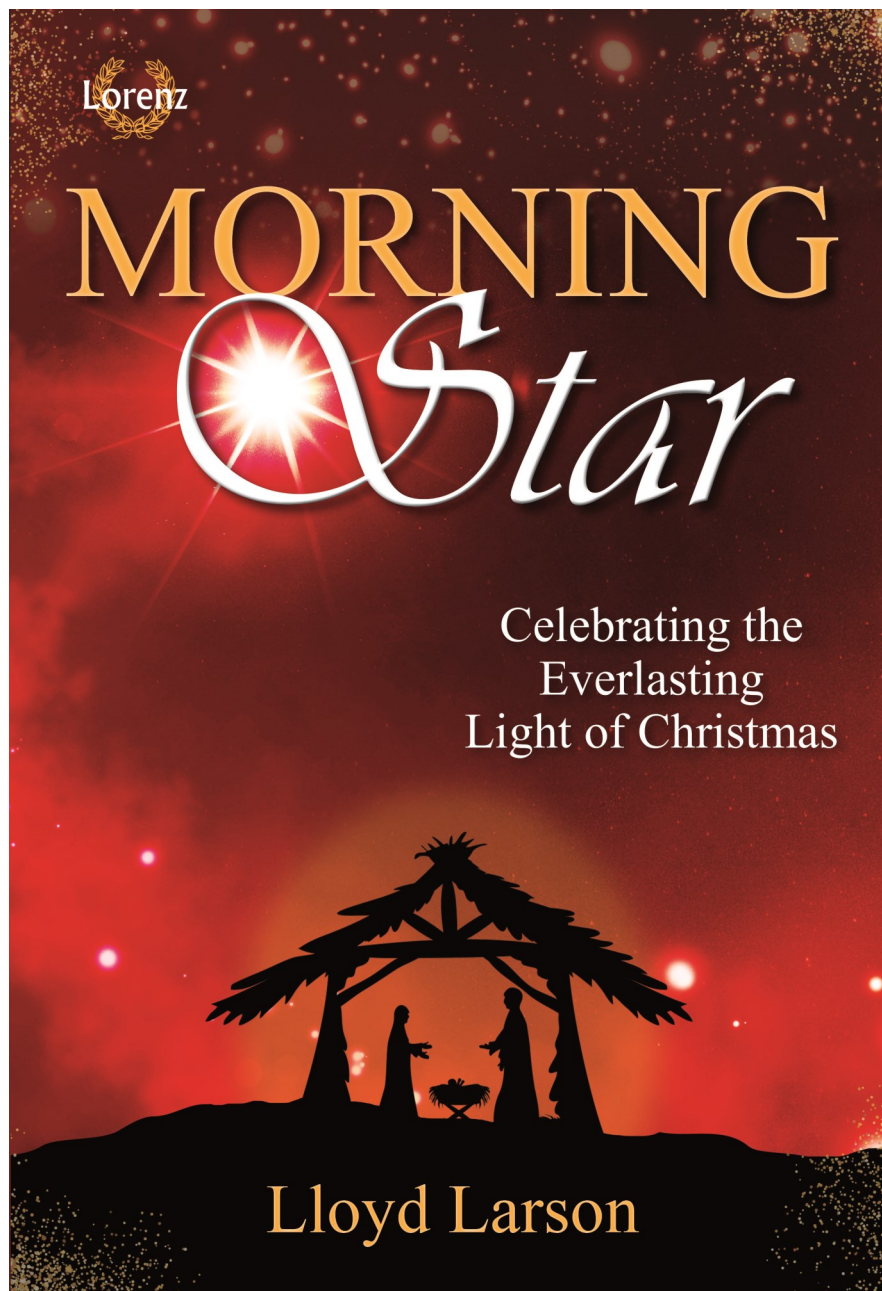
Join us to help end the silence

and raise awareness of the disease of addiction!



We will have a short program reflecting on their lives and pray for others suffering with active addiction. We will display pictures and light candles in remembrance of our loved ones and share in light refreshments.

For more info contact: Karen Schildt 240-285-8076 or email klschildt@gmail.com



Morning Star Christmas Cantata

December 14

Weller UMC

101 Altamont Ave.

Combined service at 9:30 a.m.

Presented by the Hilltop Singers and Hilltop Ringers

Music Director Deborah Shultzaberger

2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Office Closed	2 *Book Club, 7:00 pm	3	4 *Handbell Choir Practice, 6:00 pm *Vocal Choir Prac- tice, 7:15- pm	5 *Office Closed	6 KEY: BLACK: WORSHIP SVCS & OFFICE INFO BLUE: MTGS RED: HOLIDAYS OR OTHER SPECIAL DATES GREEN: EVENTS VIOLET: OTHER
7 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am	8 *Office Closed Outreaach Team meeting 6 pm	9	10	11 *Handbell Choir Practice, 6:00 pm *Vocal Choir Prac- tice, 7:15- pm	12 *Office Closed	13 *Cantata Dress Rehearsal for Choirs 10am -12pm
14 *Worship Service 9:30 am Combined Service *Christmas Cantata *Weller Christmas Dinner, 11:30 am Fellowship Hall	15 *Office Closed	16	17	18 TAC 8th Annual Night of Remem- brance 6:30-7:30 pm Thurmont Li- brary	19 *Office Closed	20
21 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am	22 *Office Closed	23	24 Christmas Eve *Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 & 9:00 pm	25 Christmas Day	26 *Office Closed	27
28 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am	29 *Office Closed	30	31 New Years Eve			