



TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

January-February 2026

Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends,
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008

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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 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 (in Church Nursery)	<u>1st thru 5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler (in Weller House)	<u>6th thru 8th Grade</u>
WUMC Sunday School	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and Roger & Becky Harbaugh (in Library)	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkens (in Weller House)	

Worship Attendance	
Dec. 7	110
Dec. 14	86
Dec. 21	112
Dec. 28	89
Dec. 24 (7 pm)	68
Dec. 24 (9 pm)	110

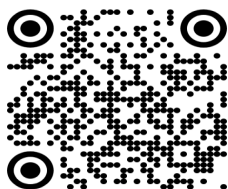
Worship Attendance	
January 4	112
January 11	108
January 18	83
*January 25 *	0

* Both Services were cancelled due to bad weather.

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**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



01/01 Caleb Alexander
01/01 Janice Snyder
01/02 Nathan Long
01/04 Makayla Rose Eibert
01/09 Wes & Susan Baugher (A)
01/09 Donnie & Kelly Wastler (A)
01/05 Earl Weant
01/07 Sandra Dennie
01/09 Collin Schildt
01/10 Jennifer McGuire
01/11 Robert Follin, Sr.
01/12 Chooi-Hah Monroe
01/12 Ben Roberts
01/12 Mike & Nicole Brown (A)

01/16 Henry Alexander
01/16 Bonnie Baust
01/19 Carrie Alexander
01/19 Moe & Janice Snyder (A)
01/20 Brantley Steinour
01/20 Fred & Karen Younkings (A)
01/22 Shirley Lantz
01/23 Bruce Baust
01/26 Donetta Herbert
01/26 Jamison Mathias
01/28 Jody Eyler
01/30 Monica Crone
01/30 Betty Ann Dewees

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**



02/01 Bob Fogle
02/03 Sally McIlrath
02/04 Andrew Mathias
02/04 Sabrina Mathias
02/04 Ryan Purcell
02/05 Elinor Mathias
02/05 Justin Pickett
02/05 Matt Roberts
02/06 Ethan McClure
02/08 Kelly Grimm
02/09 Josey Shaffer
02/11 Barbara Maly
02/12 Fred Henning
02/12 Louise & Bob Shaffer (A)

02/13 Caitlin Merico Roewer
02/13 Rick Wivell
02/14 Jared Grimm
02/14 Barbara & Scott Maly (A)
02/16 Emily Roberts
02/17 Keith Valentine
02/18 Michele Merico
02/20 Megan Clark
02/20 David McGuire
02/25 Joan Staub
02/28 Kaitlyn Herbert Brown
02/28 Cassie Wivell

TRUSTEES NEWS by Ed Schildt

The Trustees held our first meeting of 2026 on January 8, 2026 to review 2025 projects and discuss plans for 2026. The Trustees would like to thank Bob Follin for his many years of service as a trustee at Weller UMC. Bob has been a trustee for an untold number of years and has been involved in many projects throughout those years. Bob is currently working on a remodel of the front narthex and should be completed in early 2026 so stay tuned for some sparkling upgrades ! We welcome Mike Wolfe to the trustees as a new member of the trustees beginning in 2026.

The elevator is 100% operational after construction was finalized in November as part of a year -long project ! The trustees were able to clean up and prepare the fellowship hall so that our Christmas Dinner could be held in the hall for the first time in several years ! Everyone was able to celebrate together with the elevator allowing access to several members of the congregation. Praise God for his guidance during this multi year project. Thank You to the trustees for all your help !

The Trustees and Council are in the process of forming a safety committee to discuss security and safety measures within the Church and the Weller House including emergency first aid and security preparedness. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact Ed Schildt (Trustee Chair) or Cody Wivell (Council Chair).

The trustees are in preliminary discussions and planning to replace our current heat and AC systems with alternative sources as the age of the current boiler continues to increase.. We felt it was in the best interest to begin research and planning this year for replacement or upgrades in future years. We will share additional information as we begin to look at replacement options and costs..

Living Room furniture was donated for use in the Weller House by Debbie Wood, sister of Kim Clever. Thank You Debbie for that wonderful contribution !

All Requests for use of the Church building or the Weller House should be made with a phone call or email to the church office. Once dates are finalized the paperwork will be discussed with the tenant. A calendar of available dates are being kept at the church office. With the elevator installed and the remodel of the Weller House lower level we have had several requests for January events already.

If you are interested in serving as a trustee or helping trustees with upcoming projects please contact Ed Schildt for more information.

Happy New Year to All !!

Ed Schildt- Trustees Chair

MICHELLE'S MOMENTS by Michelle Merico

- 01/04/26 Vent to God. He won't repeat it or use it against you.
- 01/11/26 Nobody is too broken for the grace of Jesus.
- 01/18/26 My job is to take care of the possible, and trust God with the impossible.
- 01/25/26 Surrender your worries to God and you will find strength.

MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

Mission Team Report for January/February 2026

Happy New Year to everyone! We're looking forward to another busy year of Missions at Weller. We had great support from our Weller family as usual which allowed us to fulfill our budget objectives for each of the 9 missions that we helped to support at Weller this year. This was in addition to the Christmas Eve Offering which went to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center this year. If you would like to donate to Missions this year, use the Mission Envelope in your pew or mark "Missions" on your check.

We were able to collect 21 big bags of warm coats, jackets, scarves, and hats, etc during our **Coat Drive** for the Food Bank. Pastor Sally said she had had many requests for warm clothing and we received a **lot** of donations! She said that people were very appreciative of them and all of them were taken. Food donations of course are always appreciated. Please check expiration dates.

Another charity which has received great support from Weller this year is the **Catoctin Pregnancy Center in Emmitsburg**. We have been taking bags and boxes of baby and toddler items almost weekly and they are always in need of diapers! They will take newborn to size 4T clothing plus unexpired formula, baby food, baby equipment in good condition, etc. plus baby and toddler toys and books. Cribs must be new. There is a bin in the hallway to place items in (or near).

Our next trip to Mission Central will be on Thursday, March 12th. More information will come in February.

Below are photos of January's volunteers in action. Pat Alexander, Karen Younkens and Nicole Kelley as well as Judi Herrold, the Mission Central volunteer coordinator. Henry Alexander was in the warehouse when the photos were taken.



Cemetery NEWS by Nancy Rice

WELLER CEMETERY			
2025 INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Checkbook Bal. Forwarded from Dec. 31, 2024	\$11,632.92	Bank Serv. Charge/Checks	\$50.74
Church Offering- Cemetery Giving Envelopes	\$8,501.00	Cemetery Mowing	\$11,450.00
Burial Fees (Perpetual Care)	\$400.00	* Tree Cutting/ Removal - 8 Trees	\$11,500.00
Special Donations Rec'd for Tree Work	\$2,547.00	* Cost covered by line items	
Bakesale Fundraisers	\$2,487.00	B- 8, 9, 10, + remainder from Ckg. Acct.	
Colorfest Car Parking -Gross	\$1,390.00	Memorial Bricks Order (2)	\$400.00
Interest from Checking Acct.	\$47.39	Colorfest Parking-Town's Fees	\$399.00
Investments Matured / Redeemed (Wesleyan)	\$54,508.85	Sub-total-Expenses	\$23,799.74
Memorial Bricks Purchased (2)	\$480.00	4 New CD's - Woodsboro Bank	\$47,500.00
Interest from Wesleyan Investments	\$1,844.39	Total Expenses/Investments 2025	\$71,299.74
Total Income Available 2025	\$83,838.55		
Checkbook Balance 12/31/25	\$12,538.81		
INVESTMENTS			
Wesleyan - 1 CD. Matures 9/15/26	\$8,054.61		
Woodsboro Bank - 5 CDs	\$64,346.64		
Total Investments 12/31/25	\$72,401.25		

FINANCE NEWS by Jim Monroe

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 1 Peter 5 :2-4

To review the year 2025 we can say that we are a blessed and growing congregation. A year ago, we prayerfully decided to take on the debit to go forward with the elevator project. This year our gifts and memorial donations have more than covered the full amount we expected to borrow as we enter 2026 debit free. The parsonage rental has continued to grow the balance after having covered major capital expense last year. Our General giving has covered the operating expenses, and our Missions giving continues to grow. Here is the summary of activity for the past year:

Weller UMC Finances 2025 Summary

Capital Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2025		27,436
Receipts	8,959	
Steeple Fund	7,217	
Expenses		
Weller Church	15,482	
Steeple Repair	8,700	
Total Expenses	24,182	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		19,430
Memorial Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2025		10,024
Memorial deposits	2,479	
Memorial Expenses	14	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		12,489
Elevator Fund		
Beginning Balance, Jan 1, 2025		44,415
Receipts:	184,965	
Expenses:	163,442	
Net Balance		65,938
Loan Value Drawn & Repaid =	\$123,652	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		65,938
Parsonage Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan 1, 2025		18,689
Receipts:	24,503	
Expenses:	12,484	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		30,709
Missions Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2025		11,791
Missions deposits	15,055	
Missions Expenses	16,502	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		10,344

General Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2025		9,296
Receipts:		
Operating funds	198,649	
Designated (In-out funds)	3,020	
Total Receipts Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024		201,669
Funds Available		210,965
Operating Expenses:		
Pastor, staff salaries	86,961	
Federal, state and property taxes	2,557	
Property and Workman's Comp Insur	22,092	
B-W Conference (apportionment, etc.)	33,638	
Admin, finance, copier expenses, licenses	4,576	
Gen maint, serv contract(trash, mow)	13,916	
Church Fuel & Electric	8,724	
Parsonage Utilities & Maintenance	-	
Weller House Utilities & Maintenance	1,080	
Care-Fellowship-Music-Worship-Ed-Outrch	7,894	
Subtotal Operating Expenses	181,438	
Designated (In-Out expenses)	2,138	
Emergency fund	-	
Total Expenses		183,576
Ending Balance, Dec 31, 2025		27,389
Youth Account		
Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2025		4,488
Receipts	240	
Funds Available		4,728
Expenses	72	
Balance, Dec 31, 2025		4,656

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ATTENTION: *Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord.*

Be a member of one of our performance choirs.

The Hilltop Singers and Hilltop Ringers will begin weekly rehearsals on January 29, 2026.

The Hilltop **Ringers** will meet from 6:00-7:00, in the hand-bell room (below Sanctuary)

Hilltop **Singers** will meet from 7:15-8:30, in the sanctuary. All are welcome to be a part of one or both of the choirs.

We will present our work on March 29, at a combined church service.

Please see Debby Shultzaberger or call her at 301-271-7390

ALTER FLOWERS FOR 2026

To all Alter Flower donors: Flower donors have been transferred to the 2026 calendar. Please let Nancy Rice know if you do not wish to donate the flowers for the week(s)

assigned.

JANUARY

(Bob and Louise Shaffer)

4th Virginia Gelwicks (W)
11th Robert Black (W)
18th Pat Black (G)
25th Dottie Davis (G)

FEBRUARY

(Bob and Louise Shaffer)

1st Kim Grimm (G)
8th Fred Henning (G)
15th Karen & Ed Schildt (W)
22nd Penny Toms (P)

MARCH

(Karen Younkins)

1st Larry & Donna Eby (P)
8th Dennis & Paulette Mathias (P)
15th Gary Roberts (P)
22nd Donnie Wastler (P)
29th Debby & Paul Shultzaberger (P)

APRIL

(Kim Clever)

5th Joan Freeze (W)
12th Helen Gelwicks (W)
19th Virginia Gelwicks (W)
26th Charlene Stitely (W)

MAY

(Nancy Rice)

3rd Fred Henning (W)
10th Gary Roberts (W)
17th Kim Lavigne (W)
24th Cindy Hart (R)
31st Robert Black (W)

JUNE

(Nancy Rice)

7th Dottie Davis (G)
14th Pat & Henry Alexander (G)
21st Rick & Kathy Wivell (G)
28th Kim Grimm (G)

JULY

(Nancy Rice)

5th Marilyn Worsham (G)
12th Carol & Robert Long (G)
19th Chooi Hah & Jim Monroe (G)
26th Robert Black (G)

AUGUST

(Joan Staub/Debbie Stull)

2nd Ken & Anita Drye (G)
9th Bill Clayton/Ann Day (G)
16th Dennis/Paulette Mathias (G)
23rd Carol & Robert Long (G)
30th May Morrison (G)

SEPTEMBER

(Nancy Rice)

6th Rosie & Eugene Andrew (G)
13th Nancy Rice (G)
20th Larry & Donna Eby (G)
27th Bob & Christine Miller (G)

OCTOBER

(Karen Younkins)

4th Phyllis Wynkoop (G)
11th Fred Henning (G)
18th Earl Weant (G)
25th Fred & Karen Younkins (G)

NOVEMBER

(Kim Clever)

1st Kim Clever (G)
8th Phyllis Wynkoop (G)
15th Jim & Peggy Royer (G)
22nd Fred Henning (W)
29th Debbie & Steven Kurz (B)

DECEMBER

(Nancy Rice)

6th Ruby & Susan Storer (B)
13th Joan Zahn (B)
20th Gayle DiSalvo (B)
27th Gayle DiSalvo (W)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WUMC Fellowship 2026 Events

February 14th: Valentines Dinner at 5:00pm (Potluck and Newlywed Game)

March 21st: Talent Show at 6:00pm Will be Pies, Cakes and Silent Auction

April 5th: Pancake Breakfast (Between Services)

May 9th: Ladies Tea 2:00pm-4:00pm

June 12th: Sock Hop 6:00pm-8:00pm

August 2nd: Bowling at 2:00pm

August 16th: Church Picnic at 1:00pm

September- Paint Night or Basket Weaving (need more info)

October 17th: Chili Cook Off & Candy Bingo at 5:00pm

November 14th: Friendsgiving at 5:00pm (Potluck)

December 11th: Christmas Carolling 6:00pm-8:00pm

December 20th: Christmas Dinner- Time TBD (depending on Cantata)

Sight and Sound– Stay tuned for information on ticketing prices, bus prices and dates

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT)



Aspire

1 night – 3 hours Just for Women
An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

Author & Bible Teacher
MARY SHANNON



Comedy by
KAY DODD



Music by
LINDSAY McCAUL



**FRIDAY
APRIL 17, 2026**

**RINGGOLD
CHURCH**
14416 BARKDOLL RD.
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

7:00PM SHOW
6:30PM PANEL TIME
6:00PM DOORS OPEN

Come early and join us for
a 15 minute panel time with
all 3 ladies based on
Hebrews 12:1-2 called
“Running the Race”

ADVANCE TICKETS
General Admission – \$30
VIP/Reserved – \$40
Group tickets for 10 or more – \$25
VIP/Reserved Groups for 10 or more – \$35
Group sales call 880-812-1100

VIP/Reserved includes reserved seats
and a snack bag

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100** or online at:
ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

Aspire has been doing ministry for
over 10 years and we hope you can
join us for a great ladies night out!

From the desk of: *Sandy Fahnestock*

We will be collecting shoe boxes to use for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry throughout the year.

Also, we will collect any used greeting cards. Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking Of You, Thanks-giving, Easter and Valentines Day cards are especially needed.

And lastly, out dated calendars are needed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Thurmont Food Bank is in need of volunteers 1-2 Days per week to pray with people as they receive their Food.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S



This Christmas, we send our gratitude for your generous support that kept the Center operating in the busiest year ever. By June, we matched the number of families we served in 2024. Many families faced unexpected unemployment, housing insecurity or serious illness. Numerous layettes were gifted to newborns along with cribs, car seats and baby care items. The Center teamed with other agencies for home visits, food and housing assistance and referrals for early interventions, Head Start and GED programs. We remain committed to ensure your support has a meaningful and lasting impact.

*We wish you a blessed Christmas.
The Staff of the Catoctin Pregnancy Center*

The Thurmont Ministerium, Inc.
P.O. Box 74
Thurmont, MD 21788

December 29, 2025

Weller United Methodist Church
101 North Altamont Avenue
Thurmont, MD 21788

Dear Members of Weller United Methodist Church,

The Thurmont Ministerium thanks you for the generous and gracious donation of \$2,000.00 on December 19, 2025 for housing assistance.

We have been blessed by this gift and the gifts of many others. We are deeply grateful to live in a loving and compassionate community that reaches out to others.

Thank you again for your generous contribution.

May God bless you,

The Thurmont Ministerium, Inc.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

Dear Friends,

December 10, 2025

I want to express my deep appreciation for your gift to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child. Your investment in what God is doing through this project is a blessing and means so much.

As we continue to prepare and ship gift-filled shoeboxes around the world, please pray with us for the millions of children who receive them. We want them to know the true meaning of Christmas that the angel proclaimed: "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

May you have a wonderful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. God bless you.

FG/br

Sincerely,

Weller United Methodist Church
101 N Altamont Avenue
Thurmont, MD 21788-1850

Franklin Graham

CATOCTIN PREGNANCY CENTER

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

28 December 2025

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your most recent **generous** donation to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center. It is because of your generosity that we can provide compassionate care to the mothers and fathers who come to the Center.

We are so grateful to our donors.

May the hearts of all pro-life believers be filled with peace and JOY!

Best Regards,

Barbara J. Lowrie

Barbara Lowrie
Administrative Assistant

Check #835
\$1,000.00
Dated 3 December 2025

THANK YOU'S (Cont'd)



Franklin Graham, President
International Headquarters • P.O. Box 3000 • Boone, NC 28607 U.S.A. • (828) 262-1980
December 02, 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

Christmas will be different for many Jamaicans this year after Hurricane Melissa ravaged their island, killing dozens and leveling homes, churches, and hospitals. Much of the nation lost power. Within days of the storm's landfall, Samaritan's Purse airlifted emergency supplies including water filtration units, shelter material, and our Emergency Field Hospital to provide critical care to those suffering in its wake.

Your gifts and prayers equip us to "give knowledge of salvation to His people ... [and] light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death" (Luke 1:77,79). Thank you for partnering with us in this eternal work. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President

"All we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand."
1 Corinthians 12:14b, Dutch Paraphrase

Any books or materials you have ordered will be sent separately.
Thank you for your gift of \$2,810.00,
received on 12/02/2025

THANK YOU

We gratefully acknowledge your
contributions to this ministry.

YOUR DONATION IS TAX



\$2,810.00

013477 Operation Christmas Child



**MISSION
CENTRAL**

December 5, 2025

Weller United Methodist Church
101 N Altamont Ave
Thurmont, MD 21788-1850

Dear Friends from Weller UMC,

Thank you for your recent donation of several bags of hand towels! Your support is instrumental to the work we do at Mission Central as we continue to live into our mission of "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need." Last year, the Mission Central warehouse assisted 8.7 million people with over \$23.5 million in resources. It was a record-breaking year, and we were able to serve so many in need thanks to your support!

As need increases around the world, the work of Mission Central becomes even more important and impactful. We could not complete this work without you. Thank you for being part of our success, helping us to assist people here in Central Pennsylvania, throughout the United States and around the world.

Because we let the need guide us, disaster response was a large focus in 2024, a year that experienced the worst weather-related disasters in over a decade. In addition to many other supplies, we resourced over 8,000 Cleaning Buckets to help those in New England, northern Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida. When a hospital in Asheville, North Carolina was destroyed during Hurricane Helene, we worked with the Tunnels2Towers Foundation to supply them many truckloads of disaster relief supplies. This partnership and your support allowed us to meet a great need during a devastating time.

Mission Central has been a key partner with our disaster area relief since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Because of this partnership, we have successfully delivered over 150 truckloads of supplies to the regions damaged by hurricanes and tornadoes. Without the dedicated people at Mission Central, we would not have been able to assist those during their darkest hours. We are forever indebted to all of you for your generosity and compassion. - Tom O'Connor, Tunnels2Towers Foundation, retired NYC Fire Department



Thank you for being part of these endeavors and so many more.

With gratitude,

Hope Harrison
Executive Director, Mission Central

"Thanks" is such
a little word--
No bigger than a minute--
But there's a world
of meaning
And appreciation in it.

Thank you for all the goodie
bags, cards and prayers thru
2025! Xmas + birthday. Cards made
my day. God bless each of you.
I appreciate it all,
Much Love,
Luz Stene



**THE LEAST OF THESE
MINISTRIES**
MATTHEW 25:40

PO Box 2824
Westminster MD 21158-7824
443-916-7105
marty@leastofthesemin.org
leastofthesemin.org
Sharing Hope amidst Poverty.

Weller United Methodist Church
Missions Committee
101 N Altamont Ave
Thurmont MD 21788-1850

December 5, 2025

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all
nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."
—Luke 2:30-32 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

When Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him in the temple, they were met by a devout man of faith, named Simeon. Simeon had received a prophecy about the coming Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had prompted him to wait at the temple that day. As our staff visits each community to distribute food, the word of God is preached, and the love of Jesus is demonstrated. Our hope is always that members of those communities will see what Simeon saw, and believe in the gospel of Jesus or be encouraged in their faith.

Thank you so much for the blessing of your support during this season! We are grateful to God for how He uses his people to make possible the work being done in the Dominican Republic. Through your support, people are being fed, families are being strengthened, and lives are being changed. Have a blessed Christmas season, filled with the joyous peace of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Christ alone,

Marty Hogan
Executive Director

Thank you for the faithful
support from The Weller Church
family! God bless each of you!

Please pray for our upcoming Mission Team: January 10-17.

DONATION RECEIPT

Weller United Methodist Church

Date	Payment Type / Note	Amount	Designated For
12/1/25	Check 833	\$1,000	Program Support/Undesignated



December 4, 2025

Weller United Methodist Church
Pastor Mark Eyler
101 N Altamont Ave
Thurmont, MD 21788-1850

Dear Pastor Eyler,

 Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 on 11/28/2025 to support **Where Needed Most**. Your kindness and generosity play a vital role in helping our neighbors move from crisis and despair to hope.

Beyond Shelter Frederick provides respite to Frederick County residents in need, providing critical emergency sheltering programs, homelessness prevention, utility assistance and access to life saving medications and dental procedures.

Your support allows us to expand our mission and provide these vital services—because of you, we can continue **Illuminating the Path Back to Hope** for so many in our community.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership, and we invite you to take your impact one step further by sharing our mission with friends, family, and co-workers.

Together, we can reach even more neighbors who need a hand in their most difficult moments.

To learn more about the impact of your gift and our ongoing work, visit bafred.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Colleen Baldree at 301-631-2670, ext. 103 or cbaldree@bsfred.org.

With gratitude,



Nick Brown, Executive Director

We appreciate your support!



From the desk of: Vickie Howes

The Advent celebration was a huge success again this year and I would like to take the time to thank all my craft helpers:

Paulette Mathias, Debbie Stull, Pat and Kelly Alexander, Carol Stevens, Becky Harbaugh, Gloria Balsley, Christine and Emily Miller. My cookie makers, Debbie Kurz, Felicia Albert, Lori Eyler and Charlene Stitley.

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Thank you

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	6 *Office Closed	3 *Book Club, 7:00pm	4 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. Confirmation Class 6-7:30 pm	5 Handbell Practice (6:00-7:00 p.m.) Choir Practice (7:15-8:30 p.m.)	6 *Office Closed	7 KEY: BLACK: WORSHIP SVCS & OFFICE INFO BLUE: MTGS RED: HOLIDAYS OR OTHER SPECIAL DATES GREEN: EVENTS
8 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	9 *Office Closed Outreach Mtg 6 pm	10	11 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. Confirmation Class 6-7:30 pm	12 Handbell Practice (6:00-7:00 p.m.) Choir Practice (7:15-8:30 p.m.)	13 *Office Closed	14 Valentines Dinner 5:00 PM
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