

TIDINGS OF WELLER



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

MAY 2026

The Blessings of Spring

by [Deborah Ann Belka](#)

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

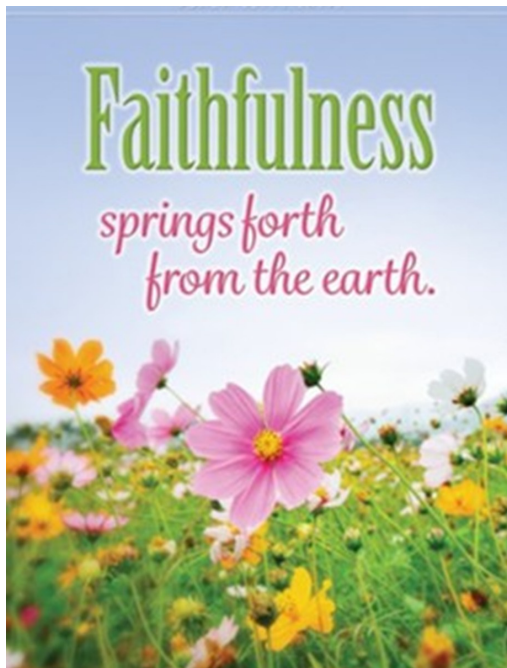
With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He sends to us the promise
His care for us, we will know.

He sends us the robin song,
with the promise to provide
that under His mighty wing
we have a place to hide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His grace
to heal winter's every pain.

God has given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring
is to keep Jesus in your sight!



WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us!

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

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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".

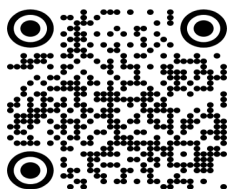
WUMC Sunday School 9:30 am	<u>Pre K—Kindergarten</u> Debbie Stull & Joan Staub (in Church Nursery)	<u>1st thru 5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler (in Weller House)	<u>6th thru 8th Grade</u>
	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and Roger & Becky Harbaugh (in Library)	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkens (in Weller House)	

Worship Attendance

April 2 (Holy Thurs)	38
April 5	154
April 12	109
April 19	92
April 26	91

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**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES**

5/01 Steve & Karen Purcell (A)
5/02 Benson J Schildt
5/03 Michael & Jolene Wolfe (A)
5/04 Plummer Fraley
5/09 Steven Howard
5/09 Patrick Kelley
5/10 Bobby & Pam Bowers (A)
5/11 Vanessa Krietz
5/11 Bob & Nancy Shaffer (A)
5/12 Plummer & Nancy Fraley (A)
5/17 Mike Henning
5/17 Wayne & Beth Persinger (A)
5/18 Mandy Howard
5/19 Charles & Donetta Herbert (A)
5/19 Andrew & Tina Sanders (A)
5/19 Jim Monroe
5/19 Phyllis Wynkoop
5/20 Maddie Mae Eyler
5/21 Kathy Wivell
5/24 Hunter Reese
5/27 Josh & Nicole Kelley (A)
5/29 Joanne Chase
5/31 Bob & Joanne Benjamin (A)



MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

Coming Up! Our next trip to **Mission Central** will be on Thursday May 14th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with more information. We'd love to have you join us! It's a large operation and help is always needed. There are usually different kinds of jobs to do but there is always the volunteer room if you need to sit down to work. They also accept donations of various kinds, for example: walkers, canes, crutches band aids, and other medical supplies plus school supplies, hygiene items (unused), clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies, nutrition supplements (unexpired), computers and other electronic equipment. There is a bin in the hallway for these and we take what's in the bin when we go to volunteer. We will meet at Weller at 8 a.m. to arrive at Mission Central by 9 a.m. We will work at Mission Central until about 11:30 a.m. We clean up our area and then often head to Baker's Diner for lunch, arriving back in Thurmont around 3 p.m. If you would like more information, please call Pat Alexander at 301-514-2638.

One of the Missions Weller has supported for some time through **Missions** funding is **The Least of These Ministries** located in the **Dominican Republic**. Many of you know **Marty Hogan** who is their executive director. An important part of the mission there is to bring weekly food to people who are in great need of it, many of whom work in the sugar cane fields. Each week they provide a product called **Manna Pack** – rice with vitamins, minerals, and protein. In one of the areas they serve, the mission workers have been offering wellness seminars to provide information on health, nutrition, and environmental stewardship. To add an element of fun, they decided to hold a cooking competition using the Manna pack as the base. If you'd like to read more about how the cooking competition worked out – and more about **The Least of These Ministries**, Pick up a copy of their newsletter on the counter in the narthex.

We also have more donations for **The Catoctin Pregnancy Center** to deliver this week, 2 bins full! We thank all of those who donate to this worthy cause. They are always so appreciative of whatever we bring.

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

MICHELLE'S MOMENTS by Michelle Merico

5/03/26 If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

5/10/26 No prayer is wasted when it reaches God.

5/17/26 When you wake up, pray that God gets in your head before you do.

5/24/26 God taught me that not every battle is mine to fight, not every person is mine to fix, and not every moment requires my voice.

5/31/26 We must allow the Word of God to correct us in the same way we allow it to encourage us.

FINANCE NEWS by Jim Monroe

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Proverbs 14:31

Insurance, fuel and postage costs have gone up but are still within expected budget. We got through most of the heating season before the fuel price increase. Hopefully they will come down by this fall.

A summary of our giving and expenses through the end of March:

Weller UMC	Giving	Spending	vs. Giving	Notes:
General	\$ 48,361	48,598	(237)	
In & Out Designated	4,106	2,100	2,006	Xmas '25 offer to Pregnancy Center
Cemetery	5,109		5,109	
Missions	2,791	558	2,233	
Capital	2,216	-	2,216	
Youth	60	-	60	
Memorials	1,300	4,775	(3,475)	Final Elevator payment
Parsonage	<u>6,229</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>6,000</u>	Rental income
31-Mar-26	70,172	56,260	13,912	

General Expenses	Year to Date
<u>Category</u>	<u>\$ 48,598</u>
Pastor	\$ 13,819
Staff	\$ 7,889
Tax	\$ 603
Insure	\$ 6,533
Balt-Wash	\$ 8,445
Office	\$ 1,478
Church	\$ 3,922
Fuel	\$ 3,209
Weller	\$ 773
Community	\$ 431
Worship	\$ 1,496
Designated	\$ 2,100

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2026

To all Altar 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 Younkings)

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 Younkings)

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP INTO WELLER

If you have been thinking of or wishing to become a member of Weller, please let Pastor Mark know by May 10th.

Email : pastormark1umc@gmail.com or call 240-315-3800



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday

July 11, 2026

6:00pm



Baseball season is right around the corner., and the Frederick Keys are once again a minor league affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. This year the annual Weller fellowship event at a Keys game will be **Saturday, July 11, 2026**. As always there will be fireworks after the game. So put this date on your calendar and join the group. You will see some of the

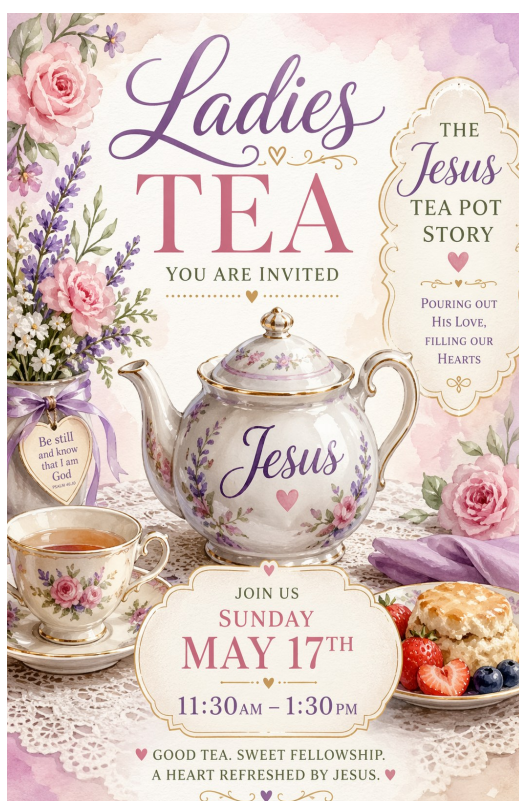
Orioles' top prospects as they work their way up to Camden Yards.

The Key's opponent for our game is the Jersey Shore Blue Claws, a minor league affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Important information is as follows:

- All tickets at our group rate are \$13.00 (the Keys did not offer separate discount for youth and seniors this year). Tickets are for reserved seats.
 - A sign-up sheet is in the front hallway.
 - All sign-ups and money are due on Sunday, June 28, 2026.
- Make checks payable to Weller UMC and write "Keys Game" on the memo line.
 - Tickets will be distributed on Sunday, July 5, 2026.

If anyone has questions, please call Henry Alexander at 301-639-5649.



TRUSTEES NEW by Ed Schildt

The Trustees have been busy in early spring with work at the church and Weller House. March 22nd was the annual Spring clean up day with our main focus on finishing the playground prior to the Easter Celebration. Thanks to Bob Black and his crew from Catoctin Mountain Orchard along with Trustees Bob Fahnstock, Bruce Baust, Jacob Crone and Dennis Mathias for getting this project finished on Saturday morning ! Also thanks to Trustees Felcia Albert, Karen Schildt and volunteer Adalyn Eaves for picking up trash and planting flowers. Thanks to all for their hard work.

Bob Follin completed the remodel of the narthex with beautiful bulletin boards and a pamphlet rack that were handmade and gorgeous ! New lighting and a fresh coat of paint was completed as well to brighten the entrance to the church. Thanks to everyone for your help. The pool table and ping pong tables at the Weller House community center are ready for use along with a 60" TV donated by the Kelly Family. We are praying that a youth group and young adult group will be formed to use the center to grow their faith. Replacement of the steps in the front of the church is complete. We are grateful that our contractor Sean has recovered from his medical illness and is back to work. He thanks everyone for their prayers.

If you are interested in joining the Trustees with our many projects and/or become a member please reach out to Ed Schildt. We would love to have you join us!

Blessings,

Ed Schildt

MISCELLANEOUS

Need Handyman Help?

Small things need to be fixed around the house?

Leaking faucets, Stuck doors or windows, broken cabinets

Rooms needing paint or touch-up, light fixtures replaced

Shelves & Grab Bars installed, Honey Do List?

Reliable Quality Work by Jim Monroe 240-529-2595





Let's Talk Community Forum

How Drugs and Substance Use are Impacting Our Community

May 20, 2026

6 pm – 8 pm

Thurmont Town Office

615 East Main Street, Thurmont, MD

Event will be live streamed on local cable channel 99

Replay will be available for future reference on the Town of Thurmont website.



Community Forum Partners

Frederick County Health Department

Thurmont Police Department

Phoenix Recovery Academy

Kids Like Us Program

Thurmont Addiction Commission

For More Information Contact: 240-285-8076

From the desk of: Sandy Fahnstock

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, Thanksgiving, Easter and Valentines Day cards are especially needed. And lastly, out dated calendars are needed.

THANK YOU'S



THANK YOU RECEIVED BY THE FATHER OF A SHOEBOX RECIPIENT: Hello Dear, Hope this mail meets you in good health. I was fortunate to have received a gift package by you. I'm glad you could share with my child your gift. Thanks for the love you are sharing. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless us all.

From, Thomas in Liberia, West Africa



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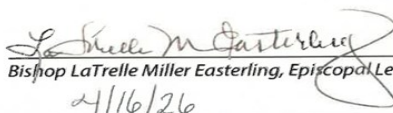
"Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." – Ephesians 3:17

Thank You

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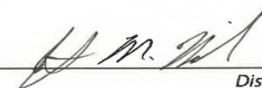
Weller UMC, Thurmont

For giving 100% to the Baltimore-Washington Conference
and General Church Mission Shares in the year of 2025.


Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader

Date

4/16/26


District Superintendent

Date

4/16/26

"To inspire and equip local faith communities to develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."





TALENT SHOW AND AUCTION





2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Office Closed	2
3 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	4 *Office Closed	5 Book Club 7 pm	6 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am.	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Trustees Mtg 6 pm	8 *Office Closed	9
10 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. MOTHERS DAY	11 *Office Closed Outreach Mtg 6 pm	12 Council Mtg 6 pm	13 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am.	14	15 *Office Closed Sight & Sound Bus Trip	16
17 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Ladies Tea 11:30 am-1:30	18 *Office Closed	19 Pastor Mark Vacation	20 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. Pastor Mark Vacation	21 Pastor Mark Vacation	22 *Office Closed Pastor Mark Vacation	23
24 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	25 *Office Closed	26	27 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. BWC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	28 BWC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	29 *Office Closed BWC ANNUAL CONFERENCE	30
31 *Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Key: BLACK: Worship Services and Office Information BLUE: Meetings RED: Holidays or other Special Dates GREEN: Events VIOLET: Other					