



TIDINGS OF WELLER

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

SEPTEMBER 2026



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 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) <i>(Classes start 9/13)</i>	<u>1st thru 5th Grade</u> Donnie & Kelly Wastler (in Weller House) <i>(Classes start 9/13)</i>	<u>6th thru 8th Grade</u>
	<u>Adult</u> Sarah Pickett and Roger & Becky Harbaugh (in Library) <i>(Classes start 9/13)</i>	<u>Adult</u> Fred Younkens (in Weller House)	

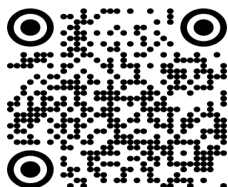
Worship Attendance

July 5	98
July 12 (combined)	59
July 19	110
July 26	98

August 2	104
August 9 (combined)	75
August 16	103
August 23	76
August 30	103

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August
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Charlene Stitely

8/3 Eric Dutrow

8/3 Alison McGuire

8/3 Clinton Rhodes, Jr

8/4 Hayden Eyler

8/4 Derek Harbaugh

8/4 Becky Smith

8/5 Bruce & Bonnie Baust (A)

8/5 Moe Snyder

8/6 John & Kim Lavigne (A)

8/6 Kinsley Fuller

8/6 Mac McIlrath

8/7 Bob Fahnestock

8/7 Lauren Keilholtz

8/11 Roy Angell

8/11 Peggy Hahn

8/11 Renee Shaffer

8/12 Jim & Chooi-Hah Monroe (A)

8/13 Silas Connally

8/14 Jim & Amanda Keilholtz (A)

8/14 Shirley Riffle

8/14 Donnie Wastler, Jr

8/17 Harley BenVengi

8/18 Scott & Carrie Alexander (A)

8/19 Tom & Renee Shaffer (A)

8/22 Steve & Mandy Howard (A)

8/22 Rick & Jill Hurley (A)

8/22 Gloria Balsley

8/22 Cody Wivell

8/22 Mike Wolfe

8/25 Jonathan Wastler

8/26 Roy & Nancy Angell (A)

8/26 Margaret Reed (94)

8/27 James Royer

8/29 Ed & Karen Schildt (A)

8/29 Bob & Christine Miller (A)

8/29 Ryan Schildt

8/30 Mark and Michele Merico (A)

8/30 Ashley Trout

8/31 Jennifer Roberts



September
BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Ken & Anita Drye (A)

9/1 Julie Scott

9/1 Wes Baugher

9/5 Bob & Joan Follin (A)

9/6 Ernie & Joan Staub (A)

9/6 Karen Lind

9/7 Joan Freeze

9/7 Riley Keilholtz

9/9 Roger Harbaugh

9/9 Christine Miller

9/9 Ryan Wivell

9/10 Emery Lynn Eyler

9/15 Bob Benjamin

9/15 Dottie Davis (94)

9/15 Dorothy Selders

9/15 Darren Staub

9/16 Rick & Kathy Wivell (A)

9/17 Andrew & Heather Mathias (A)

9/18 Charley Keilholtz

9/20 Chris Keilholtz

9/20 Becky Long

9/21 Chloe Mathias

9/21 Jesse Shultzaberger

9/22 Betty Rice

9/24 Kelsey McClure

9/24 Ryan Shultzaberger

9/26 Hope Howard

9/26 Deb Shultzaberger

9/27 Susan Baugher

9/27 Daisy Purcell

9/27 Karen Schildt

9/28 Tom Shaffer

9/28 Roger & Becky Harbaugh (A)

9/29 Jill Hurley

9/30 Emmalee Miller



THANK YOU'S



Dear Pastor Mark and
Members of Weller,
Thank you so much for
the warm welcome!
Joining the Weller
Church family has
been such a
wonderful experience.
I am deeply
grateful for your fellowship.

love and support, as
well as the thoughtful
gift bag. I look
forward to growing
in faith and serving
alongside the congregation.

Sincerely,
She Kurlholz



Thank you Weller umc for letting our
girl scout Troop use the Weller House as our
home base. The Weller House has been
very comfortable and fun for all of our
learning and service projects for the
community.

Sarah Pickett

Thank you,
Troop 37167
Lucy Sofia

Ariak

MICHELLE'S MOMENTS by Michelle Merico

9/6/26 Don't abandon God for human mistakes. People fail, God doesn't

9/13/26 As long as God is here, we have hope. And God is always here.

9/20/26 Our job is to be obedient to God. God's job is everything else.

9/27/26 Watch how God changes your heart when you decide to start praying for the people who hurt you.

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest. - Proverbs 3:9

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

Weller UMC	Giving	Spending	vs. Giving	Notes:
General	\$ 110,581	115,910	(5,329)	Playground mulch, S&S Bus, lights
In & Out Designated	8,975	7,892	1,083	Xmas offer, flowers, Keys & S&S tix
Cemetery	9,139	5,931	3,208	Mowing & 3 trees removed
Missions	5,454	1,866	3,588	
Capital	4,897	22,052	(17,155)	Water fountain, Steps, Parge wall
Youth	140	-	140	
Memorials	1,775	4,775	(3,000)	Final Elevator payment
Parsonage	8,229	7,954	275	Property Tax, HVAC service contract
31-Jul-26	149,190	166,380	(17,190)	

Cemetery fund raising and donations allowed for three more trees to be removed.

Designated spending has funds in and out for Christmas offering to Catoclin Pregnancy Center, Keys game, Sights & Sounds tickets and meals.

Capital spending for repairs to the steps and parging of the ramp side walls. Still pending payments to re-point and seal the brick top of the ramp walls.

General account expenses breakdown:

General Expenses	Year to Date
Category	\$ 115,910
Pastor	\$ 32,050
Staff	\$ 18,769
Tax	\$ 1,633
Insure	\$ 17,854
Balt-Wash	\$ 20,048
Office	\$ 2,609
Church	\$ 8,691
Fuel	\$ 6,705
Weller	\$ 1,363
Community	\$ 3,747
Worship	\$ 2,440
Designated	\$ 7,892

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.



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)



Adult & Youth Handbell Choir will begin practice on Thursday, September 24, from 6:00- 7:00, in the handbell room downstairs.

Adult & Youth Choir will begin rehearsal on Thursday, September 24, from 7:15 - 8:30, in the sanctuary.



Weekly rehearsal for all groups will continue until December 19th.

The Christmas Cantata performance will be held on Dec. 20, 2026, at a combined 9:30 service.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining one or both of our choirs please sign up on the clip board in the Narthex or let Deborah Shultzaberger know by September 6, 2026.

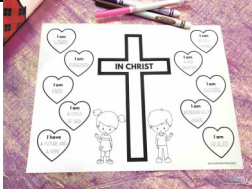
Hope to see you at one or both rehearsals. Bring a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

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The Fallfest Committee is need of Children's clothing (Toddler sizes) will be used to make Scarecrows. Long Sleeve Shirts are necessary. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex.



SUNDAY SCHOOL START UP

Sunday School will restart for the new year on Sunday September 13th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recently, the insignia of the United Methodist Church was displayed in the Narthex. Bob Follin thought it could be the finishing touch to the new furnishings, he had made, and asked Nancy Rice to make the symbol. Nancy made it and Bob "fine-tuned" it and attached it to the wall where it can be seen as one enters the Church.

The insignia of The United Methodist Church is a cross linked with a dual flame, a powerful reminder of who we are in Christ and carries three primary meanings:



The Cross: Represents Christ's atoning sacrifice and the church's foundational relationship with God.

The Flame: Relates directly to the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), when the Holy Spirit appeared as "tongues of fire" to unite early believers.

The Tongues of Fire: Represents the two predecessor denominations-The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church that

merged in 1968.

WANT TO GO PAPERLESS— HELP THE CHURCH SAVE ON POSTAGE????

If so let us know, and you can receive this newsletter & more digitally, with color via your e-mail. Just call or email the church

secretary@wellerumc.comcastbiz.net or call 301-271-2802.

SAVE THE DATE:

Church Conference November 7th, 11 am. Jackson Chapel
5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703 1

MISSION TEAM NEWS by Pat Alexander

Mission News August 2026

Our next trip to **Mission Central** will be on **Monday, September 10th**. I spoke with the new **Volunteer Coordinator**, Angel Flores, who told me he plans to have some Saturdays available for volunteers to come in in the future. He's hoping it will allow more people who work weekdays to be able to volunteer. I'm also hoping for that as weekdays aren't convenient for a lot of people.

On the 10th we will be taking some medical supplies donated by the **Thurmont Senior Center** as well as from people at Weller to Mission Central so we thank everyone for those, also. Some computer components have also been donated and if anyone has shoes in good condition or medical equipment to send, just put them in the bin or in the hallway.

We were also able to take a variety of baby clothes, toys and other supplies to the **Catoctin Pregnancy Center** this month that had been donated as well as some empty plastic bags that are useful for the mothers to take the items they need home with them.

The **Catoctin Area School Supply Drive** was also successful so we were able to help the school year get off to a good start for many local students.

The Mission team appreciates everything that is donated and placed in the bins in the hallway as do the recipients of each of the items as they are given things they might otherwise not be able to have.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Alexander, Mission Chair, 301-514-2638

MISSION TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mission team has funds in the Mission account to sponsor one or more young people (High School age or younger) to participate in mission activities. The funds can be used for travel expenses related to a mission trip of several days to a week, day trips to nearby sites, supplies and materials needed to complete a mission project, or other related expenses. This Money can be used for a 2026 or 2027 mission project, but we need to know who is interested on or before September 30, 2026. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity to help someone in need and have the Mission Team provide some or all of the funding or have any questions, please contact Pat Alexander (301-514-2638) or Pastor Mark at the church office (301-271-2802).

We look forward to hearing from you. The money will be divided proportionally among multiple people if more than one youth applies.

WELLER NIGHT AT FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL



On July 11, 2026, 46 members of the Weller community attended the Frederick Keys game. It was an eventful night for a number of reasons. First, due to a rainout earlier in the week, our single game scheduled to begin at 6:00pm became a doubleheader with the first game starting at 4:00pm. The Keys won game one.



Before the second game, Felicia Albert represented the Weller group by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. During the game, a foul ball was hit into our section and Braxton Connally got it!



WELLER PHOTO ALBUM (CONT'D)



Later the Keys threw hot dogs into the stands and Fred Henning caught one on the rebound. He said it tasted good!



The Keys mascot, Keyote, was around to visit with the kids and autograph things for them. Silas and Jonah Connally and two friends got gloves and a hat autographed. Braxton got his foul ball signed. Carter and Addison Staub also met the Keyote.



During the second game there was a short weather delay, but it never rained! After the delay, the Keys lost the second game, but our fans who stayed were treated to a beautiful fireworks display. It was truly a great night.



Key: BLACK: Worship Services Office Information
BLUE: Meetings
RED: Holidays or other Special Dates
GREEN: Events
VIOLET: Other

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Book Club 7 pm	2 Nominations Mtg 6 pm	3 Trustees Mtg 6pm	4 *Office Closed	5
6 *Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	7 *Office Closed	8 Council Meeting 6 pm	9 *Office Closes at 11:30 am. Bible Study 6 pm	10	11 *Office Closed	12
13 *Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts 9:30 am	14 *Office Closed Outreach Mtg 6 pm	15	16 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. Bible Study 6 pm	17	18 *Office Closed	19
20 *Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	21 *Office Closed	22	23 *Offices Closes at 11:30 am. Bible Study 6 pm	24 Handbell Practice 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7:15-8:30 pm	25 *Office Closed	26
27 *Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	28 *Office Closed	29	30 Bible Study 6 pm			