



Mark your calendars for
**Wednesday,
 March 18th at
 10:00 a.m.**

The **Annual Prayer and Self Denial Program** will be presented in co-ordination with a Lenten Season Study. We are extending an invitation to all for this special time. A complimentary morning coffee and Danish will be served.

An offering supporting the UMW Prayer and Self Denial outreach will be taken. **WE RISE: MEETING GOD'S CALL TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**, such as Wesley Community Center in Dayton, Ohio, Missionary Work in the Philippines and a four member UMW team working in Zambia.

May our time together give us opportunity to share the gift of the resurrection and our commission in the world.

Prayer Concerns:

**Our shut-ins/
 homebound**

Bunny D

Joyce & Frank

Tracy M



Prayer List Policy: We will keep each name on the list for three weeks. If after three weeks you would like the name renewed, please notify the church office.

**JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 March 8, 2020**

We welcome you to this service of worship

**WHAT'S HAPPENING
 THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, March 8:

9:00am - Sunday School
 10:00am - Coffee Fellowship
 10:30am - Worship

Tuesday, March 10:

7:00pm - Ad Council

Wednesday, March 11:

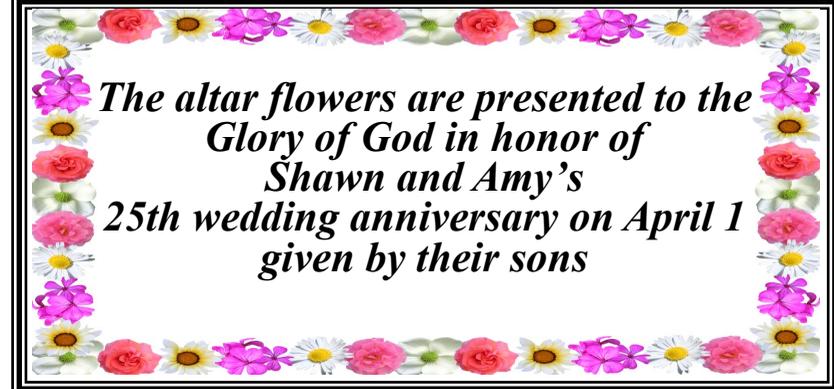
8:00am - Men's Breakfast
 6:00pm - Community dinner &
 7:00pm - Lenten service at
 Asbury UMC

Thursday, March 12:

1:30pm OR 5:30pm - Lenten
 Study
 6:00pm - Chancel Choir
 7:00pm - Handbells
 7:00pm - Trustees

Saturday, March 14:

8:00am - Connect Leadership
 Summit at Otterbein UMC



*The altar flowers are presented to the
 Glory of God in honor of
 Shawn and Amy's
 25th wedding anniversary on April 1
 given by their sons*



We welcome you to this service of worship. If this is your first time worshipping with us we encourage you to sign the guest registry at the end of each pew and we invite you to become part of our family. If you have any questions or needs please contact the church office at 301-733-0391.

EASTER LILIES IN THE SANCTUARY

If you wish to dedicate Easter lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. It must be received **NO LATER THAN Sunday, March 29th**. The cost is \$15.00 per pot. Lilies may be taken at the end of the Easter Sunday worship service.



Easter lily ***in memory*** or ***in honor*** of (circle one):

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____



Communion Bread Needed

Pastor Katie and the Celebration Team would like to make this Lent season even more special than it has been in the past. We will be having communion every Sunday in Lent, which will involve 6 weeks, beginning March 1. We are asking if anyone who makes homemade bread would donate a loaf for communion during this time period. You can call the church office and choose the week you would like to provide the bread. Please bring the bread on your chosen Sunday and place it in the Sacristy where the Altar Guild ladies will prepare it for worship. Thanks so much for your help to become part of the holy communion service.

**Venture to Antietam Recreation
for a
"Century of Song"**

Family Life has reserved 40 tickets for John Wesley Church members and friends on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

The agenda for the event is as follows:
Gathering: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Show: 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Filling out the sheet below along with your payment will assure you a seat.

The menu will include:
Hamburger, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Fruit,
Apple Pie a-la-mode

Cost for Event:
Adults, \$38.00 Children, \$28.00
Children up to 2 years and on laps, Free

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**"Century of Song"
Antietam Recreation**

April 18, 2020
6:00 - 9:15 p.m.

No. Adults ___ @\$38.00 each = ___
No. Children ___ @\$28.00 each = ___
No. Children 2 years and under and on lap Free
Total Payment Attached = _____

Names: _____

Checks are to be made out to John Wesley U.M.C.
with a memo designating "Century of Song."
Return payment and registration
to church office.

Deadline for reservation is Sunday, March 21.

Need a ride? We can provide

LOOKING AHEAD

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, March 15:

9:00am - Sunday School
10:00am - Coffee Fellowship
10:30am - Worship

Monday, March 16:

PARTNER deadline

Tuesday, March 17:

6:30pm - Wilson Wright Circle

Wednesday, March 18:

10:00am - UMW Meeting
6:00pm - Community dinner &
7:00pm - Lenten service at
John Wesley UMC

Thursday, March 19:

1:30pm OR 5:30pm - Lenten Study
6:00pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - Handbells



**Scholarship
Program**

**John Wesley UMC
Scholarship**

applications are available
by contacting the
church office.

Completed applications
must be returned to the
office or given to
Louise W, Chair of the
Scholarship Committee,
by **Friday, April 10, 2020.**

**Critical Conversation on The Protocol of
Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation**

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling will meet with the clergy and laity of the Baltimore-Washington Conference in a Critical Conversation concerning the upcoming United Methodist General Conference. Bishop Easterling will give special attention to The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation (The Protocol). This Critical Conversation will take place **Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at Harmony UMC, at 9455 Williamsport Pike in Falling Waters, W.Va.**

As United Methodists move toward the 2020 General Conference, May 5-15 in Minneapolis, Minn., we know that many of you have questions and concerns about the future of our denomination and our conference. In particular, there are specific questions about The Protocol, a plan that offers an end to the decades long struggle concerning human sexuality. In response, Bishop Easterling, who is not only our episcopal leader but also a member of the mediation team that crafted The Protocol, will be holding this Critical Conversation.

In this season of discernment and uncertainty, it is important that your questions be answered and that we are all informed by facts and well-reasoned analysis. To ensure that you are equipped with the information you need to help you continue to serve as faithful disciples, Bishop Easterling invites you to attend this gathering.

Plans are being made to livestream the event for those unable to make the drive. Clergy are expected to share information about this Critical Conversation with their congregations. We look forward to seeing you at this special gathering and invite you to continue to pray for The United Methodist Church as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

On Wednesdays during Lent we will once again participate with other United Methodist Churches in Hagerstown by sharing a worship service at 7:00 p.m. Each service will be preceded by a fellowship pot luck meal at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. The remaining schedule for 2020 is:



<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
3/11/20	Asbury UMC	Rev. Jerry L. Lowans
3/18/20	John Wesley UMC	Rev. Sharon Gibson
3/25/20	Washington Square UMC	Rev. Dionne (Dee) Hall
4/1/20	Grace UMC	Rev. Katie O'Hern Hamilton

Hershey Park Happiness 2020

John Wesley Church Family and Friends are invited to spend a day of their choice together at the “sweetest place on earth.” The “early discount” group rate tickets we are ordering are redeemable any day during Hershey Park’s Summer Season which runs from May 1 to September 27, 2020. Admission tickets for ages 3 plus are \$36.95 each. To give you an idea of the savings you will realize by purchasing your tickets through JWUMC by March 29th, the regular 2020 summer gate admission for ages 3 plus is \$74.80. You may also pre-purchase meal vouchers for \$13.00 (includes an entrée item, one side and a drink from selected eateries). Meal vouchers are \$14.00 at the park. Kids’ meals are available at select locations, no vouchers for these. Snack vouchers can be pre-purchased for \$4.50. Snack vouchers are not available at the park.

With our different vacation and summer work schedules we want all our John Wesley Family and Friends to be able to take advantage of the reduced group rate so they can go on a day of their choice. Please **complete the following information and return with your check made out to John Wesley UMC, marked “Hershey Park.” PLEASE give to Sheila, mail to the office or place in the offering plate. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 29, 2020. Thank you.**

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HERSHEY PARK®

The _____ Family would like to order:

_____ Admission tickets at \$36.95 each for total of \$ _____
 _____ Meal tickets at \$13.00 each for total of \$ _____
 _____ Snack vouchers at \$4.50 each for total of \$ _____
OUR CHECK IS ATTACHED FOR \$ _____

To contact us about the delivery of our tickets or any questions about this order:

Our email _____
 and/or telephone _____

Pharaoh Was a Brutal Tyrant

A Hymn Inspired by Exodus 7:8-23

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: EBENEZER

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: Thomas John Williams, 1890

Voice

Pha - raoh was a bru - tal ty - rant, caught up³ in his
 Mo - ses joined his bro - ther, Aa - ron, to de - li - ver
 Pha - raoh laughed at God's com - mand - ment, he re - fused to
 We have Pha - raoh's all a - round us, may - be we are

4
 thirst - y greed. Long the Is - rael - ites had suff - ered,
 God's de - mand. They were sent to guide God's peo - ple,
 let them go. When he stood out by the banks he
 like him, too. May we heed God's call for kind - ness,

7
 so they cried out to be freed. Pha - raoh³ wor - shipped
 bring them to the pro - mised land. When God called for
 saw the ri - ver's blood - y flow. Though he could have
 may we see God's grace en - sue. God will turn God's

10
 high pro - duct - ion, look - ing to the bot - tom line.
 Pha - raoh's ac - tion, he ob - ject - ed from the start.
 stopped the ter - ror, end - ing Eg - ypt's hor - rid pain,
 sure at - tent - ion to the place where there's des - pair.

13
 All his sub - jects did his bid - ding, kneel - ing³ down be - fore - his shrine.
 Pha - raoh failed to fol - low just - ice, cal - lous - ing his hard - ened heart.
 Pha - raoh chose to wel - come vio - lence, all to save his wretch - ed reign.
 Let us join in God's sal - va - tion for all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.