

# JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*“Friendly Isn’t Enough (And That’s Okay)”*

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Hello church family!

Today, let’s take the next step... There’s a difference between being friendly... and being truly welcoming. Friendly says, Hi, good to see you. But, welcoming says, I’m so glad you’re here... would you like to sit with me?

### Jesus shows us the difference

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus doesn’t just acknowledge people... He sees them. He engages them. He meets them where they are. And often, He asks questions. Not surface-level questions— but meaningful ones.

### What if we became a church that asked better questions?

Instead of... “Have you been here before?” What if we asked... “What brought you here today?” or “How can I help you feel comfortable?” These should not be scripted lines, but ways to start developing relationships. **True hospitality is intentional.**

It’s:

- Noticing the person standing alone.
- Sitting with someone new.
- Remembering a name (not my strength...).
- Following up with care. It’s not about being perfect. It’s about being present.

### This week’s invitation:

Try this simple practice: When you’re at church, try to **intentionally connect with ONE person you don’t know well.** Listen more than you talk, be curious, be kind. You might just be surprised what God does in that moment.

Next week...we’ll talk about how we live this out together as a church.

Grateful to be on this journey with you,

Ryan L. Chapin



# Baltimore Children's Choir

## *Summer 2026 Tour*



**WHERE:**  
**John Wesley United Methodist Church**  
 129 North Potomac Street  
 Hagerstown, MD



**WHEN:**  
**Friday, June 26**  
**at 7:00 PM**



**COST:**  
**Free-will offering**  
 to help offset  
 touring expenses



**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

John Wesley United Methodist Church is delighted to host the Baltimore Children's Choir for a special Summer Tour concert on Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM. This inspiring evening will feature a varied and engaging program ranging from classical choral repertoire to multicultural works and contemporary selections. The concert is free and open to the public, and a free-will offering will be received to help offset touring expenses.

The Baltimore Children's Choir performs regularly throughout the Mid-Atlantic and has appeared at notable venues including St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Strathmore Concert Hall, and in an opening performance for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. This touring group includes approximately 25 students ages 10 to 18 and is led by Director Joey Shortall, Artistic Director.

We are honored to welcome such a gifted ensemble to John Wesley. As a church with a deep love for sacred music, rich musical traditions, and a strong appreciation for excellent choral artistry, we are especially excited to share this evening with our community.



**PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE REAR**  
 Park in the Hub City Brewery lot behind the church. Follow signs for easy access.



**WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AVAILABLE**  
 Accessible entrance is available from the front right side of the building.



**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:**  
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• **COMMUNITY CONCERT** •

## CONNECTING FROM THE SHARING TEAM

Sharing Team met in May.

- \* The summer worship schedule will not change this year, but will remain the same with the worship service starting at 10:30 am.
- \* UMW Wilson Wright Circle 1 held its annual “Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It” auction event on May 19. An evening of fellowship and fun, the proceeds went to Holly Place.
- \* The Micah’s Backpack program will be coming to a close soon for this school year. We served 20 children each week at the Ruth Ann Monroe School. Anyone interested in helping in the fall should contact Deb Markell or call the church office.
- \* Men’s Breakfast Group continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8:30 am at the Hagerstown Family Diner on the Dual Highway. Plan to join them.
- \* Wednesday Night Alive events hope to continue through the summer with a modified schedule, starting with a meal at 6:00 pm. The Young Adult group will continue to meet afterwards. Watch for more details.
- \* The Wesleyan Class Adult Sunday School continues to meet during the summer months every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Wesleyan Room. Youth and Young Adults are invited to attend.
- \* Supper Club will be hosting a Pizza & Movie Night on Sunday, June 14, showing the movie, ‘I Can Only Imagine 2’. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.
- \* A re-formed handbell choir has been meeting on Wednesdays. Hopefully soon we will be able to hear the music of the bells in the sanctuary. New members are welcome.
- \* Cooling Stations will be held every Saturday in June, July and August from 1:00-3:00 PM. See Linda Sappington.
- \* On Friday, June 26 at 7:00 John Wesley will be hosting the Baltimore Children’s Choir in concert in our sanctuary. This group includes approximately 25 students, ages 10 to 18. They tour regularly throughout the Mid-Atlantic area.
- \* There will be no Coffee Fellowship during the summer months. We are considering changing the time to be held after the worship service when we resume in the fall.
- \* The Service Team will be hosting a Community Cookout to share with our neighborhood folks on Saturday, July 18. Volunteers will be needed.
- \* The Christ Cream truck will be out in front of the church on Sunday, July 26 after the worship service to share some cool treats.
- \* SAVE the DATE: the annual church picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 13 at Marty Snook Park. Mark your calendars.



The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom – open to anyone who would like to share ideas. Contact Barb or Greg or the church office if you need the link.

Blessings,

Barb & Greg Hoover

## JWUMC SUPPER CLUB

### PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Sunday, June 14, 2026 4:00 pm

### "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2"



**JWUMC Supper Club** will be holding a pizza and movie night on **Sunday, June 14th** starting at **4:00 pm**.

By donation (\$5 is suggested, but not required) to help offset the cost of the meal. Following the meal, we will be showing a movie: **"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2."**

Several years ago we shared the movie, *"I Can Only Imagine,"* the inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved chart topping song. In February of this year, *"I Can Only Imagine 2"* was released.

*After the breakout success of the song "I Can Only Imagine," MercyMe's Bart Millard is living the dream with a thriving career. However, behind the spotlight, his past threatens the family he's built, especially the fragile bond with his son.*

*This second movie explores Bart's struggle with his son and the true story behind the hit single "Even If" culminating in a message of gratitude. "I Can Only Imagine 2" is the inspiring next chapter of faith, family and finding God in the fire.*

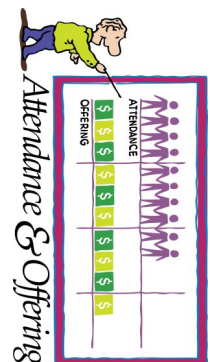
In order for us to have enough pizza and drinks, please call or email the church office if you will be attending. Plan to join us!

Barb & Greg Hoover

### Attendance & Offering Report

Date	In-person	Online	Total Attendance	Total Offering
May 3	32	-	32	\$ 1,507.07
May 10	40	1	41	1,694.08
May 17	40	-	40	1,084.74
May 24	34	-	34	1,149.74

~ Blessings, Sheila & Sherry



# NEWS FROM MICAH'S BACKPACK

The 2025-2026 school year is coming to a close and the shelves in the Micah's room are empty. The last of the backpacks are ready to be delivered on June 4.

With the dedicated help of all our volunteers we had a very successful year. From the volunteers who helped with the food bank deliveries to our ARC volunteers who were in every other Tuesday to pack, to the drivers who worked together to get the bags to Ruth Anne Monroe every week, the Micah's team is a great team to be a part of.

Thank you to all the volunteers and to everyone who contributes to this program through donations and prayers. You are all greatly appreciated.

If you would like to join this great team of volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact the Church office.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

Blessings,

Wilson Wright Circle I



THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who helped make Circle 1's Annual Make It Bake It Sew It Grow It Auction a huge success!

It was a wonderful evening filled with love and laughter. All the donations were fabulous, and all the bidders were generous! At the end of the evening the auction raised **\$1057** that will be donated to Holly Place!

Save the date to join in on the fun in 2027!

**Tuesday, May 18, 2027 at 6:00 pm**

John Wesley UMC Social Hall

~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~

**CHURCH PICNIC**

Sunday, September 13  
Halfway Park  
Pavilion 4  
(same as last year)  
All are invited!!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



## FROM THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

### In Step with the Spirit — June 2026

#### Kindness That Changes Stories

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:32*

Kindness may seem small, but in the Kingdom of God, kindness changes lives.

A kind word.

A listening ear.

A note of encouragement.

A warm welcome.

A moment of grace.

These simple acts often become the very things people remember most.

Paul’s words in Ephesians invite us into more than politeness...they call us to be Christ-like in our kindness. A kindness rooted in compassion and forgiveness. A kindness that reflects the love and mercy we ourselves have received from Jesus. The truth is, we rarely know what another person is carrying. Behind every smile may be worry or grief. Behind every visitor who walks through our doors there may be someone searching for hope.

Kindness helps people feel seen.

As a church family, kindness is one of the most powerful ministries we have. Long before someone hears a sermon, joins a group, or serves in a ministry, they experience the heart of the church through the people they meet.

A handshake.

A remembered name.

An invitation to sit together.

A thoughtful question.

These are not small things. They bind us together relationally.

Where does kindness live...it lives in how we greet and speak to one another, in how we forgive and extend grace, in how we welcome those who are new among us, and especially for us, in our downtown church, how we care for our neighbors beyond the walls of the church. Kindness is easily one of the best ways we can show the world what Jesus looks like.

#### ***A Simple Practice for June:***

Each day this month, ask yourself...“Who can I encourage with kindness today?” Then act on it. Send them a text or give them a call; you could even write them a note. You may never fully know the impact your kindness has...but God does.



## FROM THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP - CONTINUED

### *Your Call to Action This Month:*

This June, I invite you to intentionally practice kindness:

- Encourage someone in our church family
- Reach out to someone you have not seen recently
- Welcome someone new with warmth and sincerity
- Offer forgiveness where it is needed
- Look for one opportunity each week to bless someone unexpectedly

Kindness has a way of changing our stories...and sometimes, with just a little bit of effort... changing hearts.

May we be known as a church that is tenderhearted, gracious, and deeply kind, reflecting the love of Christ in all we do.

I love each of you for your beautiful gifts and graces.

In Step with the Spirit,

Ryan L. Chapin

Leadership Team Chair of John Wesley UMC

## WESLEYAN CLASS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Wesleyan Class will continue meeting during the summer months.

This summer we will be using the Cokesbury Bible Studies. We will spend the quarter studying the Book of Acts. The story of Acts is the story of the early church and how a fledgling group of scared Christ-followers grew into a people “turning the world upside down.” We will learn how really wasn’t the people who turned the world upside down; it was the Holy Spirit.



We invite and would love for others to come and join us. The youth and young adults are also invited to join us for the summer.

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Wesleyan Room. We sing two hymns, have a devotion, a prayer, and then a shared discussion.

Blessings to you.






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	2	3 4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 5:15pm - Choir Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - HLW Study 7pm - WNA Programming	4 8:30am - Men's Breakfast	5 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	6 1pm - Cooling Station
7 9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC	8 7pm - Hope and Gratitude 7pm - Sharing Team	9	10 4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming	11	12 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	13 1pm - Cooling Station
14 9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC 4pm - Pizza & a Movie	15 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	16 12pm - HARC Meeting 6pm - Wilson Wright Circle	17 10am - Susanna Circle 4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming	18 6:30pm - Trustees/Property	19 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	20 9am - DeClutter Halls 1pm - Cooling Station
21 Father's Day 9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC	22 6pm - Leadership Team 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	23	24 4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming	25	26 Baltimore Children's Choir 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	27 1pm - Cooling Station
28 9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC	29 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	30	1	2	3	4





John Wesley Web, Service Team, Holidays in United States, John Wesley Outside Groups

Jul 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC	 Pastor Doug Returns 7pm - Hope and Gratitude		4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming	8:30am - Men's Breakfast	7pm - Hope and Gratitude	1pm - Cooling Station
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9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 1:30pm - New Light MCC	<b>PARTNER DEADLINE</b> 7pm - Hope and Gratitude	12pm - HARC Meeting 6pm - Wilson Wright Circle	4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming		7pm - Hope and Gratitude	1pm - Cooling Station
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9am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday 11am - Lunches wLove 11:30am - Christ Cream 1:30pm - New Light MCC	6pm - Leadership Team 7pm - Hope and Gratitude		4:15pm - Bell Rehearsal 6pm - WNA Dinner 6:30pm - WNA Worship 7pm - WNA Programming		7pm - Hope and Gratitude	

## Happy June Birthday

- 1st: Christopher McAdams
- 2nd: Braydon Hoover
- 3rd: Linda Kayser
- 4th: Linda Sappington
- 5th: Brock Payne
- 8th: Lakelyn Payne
- 11th: Brad O'Conner
- 12th: Jadah Blair
- 13th: Matthew Giles
- 15th: Cooper Licht
- 18th: Debra Markell  
Erica Shaw  
Joyce Stanley
- 20th: Shawn Rowan
- 22nd: Greg Hoover  
Shirley Shaffer
- 24th: Larry Suddueth  
Joe White  
Donna Zimmerman
- 30th: Brent Hoover  
Octavio Mesner

## Happy June Anniversary

- 7th: Brian & Nancy Moyer
- 8th: Jerry & Jenny Bullington
- 15th: Sam & Frances Brown
- 24th: Robert & Virginia Fennel
- 26th: Kevin & Debra Hoover
- 27th: Patrick & Lauri Ricker
- 30th: Jack & Becky Mesner

## Happy July Birthday

- 1st: Michael Fritsch
- 2nd: Sherry Fritsch
- 3rd: Robert Mann
- 4th: Christopher Kerins  
Steven Miles
- 6th: Sue Baker  
Linda Murray  
Jenny Suddueth
- 8th: Barbara Diefenderfer  
Iris Harnage  
James Shryock
- 9th: Joan Ullery
- 13th: Katie Mollo
- 15th: John Keyser  
Tilden O'Connor Metzner  
Owen Pompa
- 19th: Jerry Bullington
- 25th: Carole Keyser
- 26th: Rizzo Chapin
- 27th: Colton Hoover
- 29th: Alex Licht
- 30th: Mary Licht
- 31st: Jim Fritsch  
Judy O'Neal

## Happy July Anniversary

- 12th: Jim & Sherry Fritsch
- 18th: Larry & Jenny Suddueth

*(If your birthday or anniversary is this month and does not appear on this list or appears incorrectly, please call the church office or email us at [jwumcmd@yahoo.com](mailto:jwumcmd@yahoo.com) and let us know. Thank you!)*

# PUZZLE PAGE

## WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



**What you need:**

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

**What you do:**

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.



## REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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 11 1 13 14 17 7 11 1 13 14 7 5 17 18 15 8 10 15 7!

1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## JUNE / JULY 2026 *PARTNER*

### VISION STATEMENT:

*“We strive to be a Christ Centered Church, advancing the Kingdom of God  
by nurturing and ministering to all peoples.”*

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Our Mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ through: Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship,  
Spiritual Growth, Loving Service, and the Sharing of God’s Word.”*

