

# TIDINGS OF WELLER

"Affirm Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as we care for others and tell people about Him."

Affirm ~ Care ~ Tell

## June 2014



### "The Moving Spirit"

The Summer months are months of movement. It's the time of year when most of us take vacations, traveling to get away from our routines. We're on the move. It may be a week at the beach or a trip to the mountains, but in summertime, for the most part, we don't sit still.

God is also on the move. This month we observe the holy day of Pentecost. Known to Jews as Shavuot, or "weeks" in English, this festival celebrates the anniversary of the day when God gave the Torah (the Law) to the nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai. It was also a harvest festival, the time when first fruits were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem.

For Christians, Pentecost (50 days after Easter) is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Christ followers. "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place..." (Acts 2:1). And the Spirit of God filled the room where the disciples were meeting with a sound like the wind. And it filled the disciples and allowed them to speak in different tongues to the Jewish pilgrims from different lands who had come to Jerusalem for the feast.

We think of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. But what do we mean by church? A thoughtful article in *The Christian Century* last month on the Acts 2 account of Pentecost suggests

this birthday does not mark the founding of an institution, although the church bears many marks of being one. Rather, "it's the inauguration of a movement of people, marked with the cross of Christ, who speak blessing and take back curses."

I think this is what makes Pentecost my favorite celebration of the year, right behind Easter. It reminds us we were not called into relationship with God to be a staid institution of our time and place. No, the church is a people—God's people—and God's people are to be on the move. We are the people who share God's blessings with others through God's love and God's grace. We are marked with the Cross of Christ, who died for us so we can bless others with the love of Christ.

God's Spirit is on the move. Look for it wherever you go, at home or far away. Expect it to move us—as individuals and as a community of faith—into our next mission field, with work that God has already prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

At this point I'm tempted to say "catch the Spirit," but that's such a well-worn phrase and it doesn't really say what I think God is calling us to be about. (If we catch it, does it cease moving? Will it stop with us)? How about "Go with the Spirit!"

Now that's more like it.

Peace. Pastor Bob



Attendance and Offering Report

## Worship

May 4	131
May 11	97
May 18	109
May 25	84
<b>MAY AVG.</b>	<b>106</b>

## Sunday School

May 4	43
May 11	32
May 18	31
May 25	37
<b>MAY AVG.</b>	<b>36</b>

## Church Offering

May 4	\$4,477.00
May 11	2,201.00
May 18	2,618.00
May 25	2,187.00
Imagine No Malaria	424.22
ACH Monthly Deposit	1,830.00
<b>Total (Imagine No Malaria Not Included)</b>	<b>\$13,313.00</b>

## SUNDAY WORSHIP EVENTS IN JUNE:

Worship is always a special time to praise God and there are several events coming up in June we want you to know about that will make our worship extra special. I hope you can make every one of these worship services as we offer God our very best.

1 June, our **Children's Choir** will be singing at both services. Can't wait to see and hear the energy they bring to our worship.

8 June, is **Pentecost**, the birthday of the Church, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our **Youth Group** will lead our worship services this day with a Pentecost themed celebration of God. We will also recognize our graduates: **Amy Eyler** and **Sarah Pickett**. And the **puppet ministry** will have a special song for **Pentecost**.

15 June, is **Father's Day**. We'll recognize all the Dads and give thanks to God for each of them.

22 June, the sermon by **Pastor Bob** entitled "Lost and Found" will be accompanied by video clips from the movie "Tuck Everlasting."

29 June, **Pastor Bob** is on vacation. The message will be given by **Rod Fry**, a lay speaker from Wesley Chapel UMC in Frederick/Urbana.



## IMAGINE NO MALARIA (INM)

Our next fundraiser for INM will be at Roy Rogers in Thurmont on Friday, 6 June, from 5-8 p.m. A portion of your purchase during these hours will be donated to Imagine No Malaria. Contact **Pat Alexander**, **Paulette Mathias**, or **Ethel Brauer** for more details.



# MEN'S NIGHT OUT

11 June, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall at Weller United Methodist Church

Adults \$7.25      Ages 5 - 12 - \$5.25  
4 yrs. and under free

Tickets Seller are: **Karen Younkins** and **Mark Eyler**. All men are invited!



## June Birthdays

- 02 Hayley Humerick
- 06 Roy Clever
- 08 Andrew Child
- 09 Bruce Loverock
- 11 Pat Jacobs
- 14 Rebecca Howes
- 15 Sandra Fahnestock; Susan Storer; Morgan Cato
- 16 Ethel Brauer; Sarah Pickett
- 18 Colleen Paggi
- 19 Stephanie Eyler
- 24 Kelly May
- 28 Scott Alexander

## June Anniversaries

- 07 Linda & Michael Henning
- 10 Pat & Henry Alexander; Kelly & Adam May
- 15 Lori & Mark Eyler
- 19 Cindy & John Hart, Sr.; Becky & Nick Smith
- 20 Shannon & Alan Brauer, Jr.; Nancy & Donald Lewis
- 30 Sarah & Justin Pickett



## Sunday School Kids and Parents

Join us for our end of the year celebration on 1 June from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in front of the Weller House.

We'll have ice cream sundaes and games. Please come!

\*Don't forget that we will have a one-room Sunday School all summer for ages 3 through 12 from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m. downstairs in the Sunday School area.

Call **Pat Alexander** at 301-271-7164 or 301-514-2638 for more information.



## Sunday School

Summer Sunday School will run from June 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>.

In order to give our regular teachers a summer break, we will need to have a volunteer teacher and an assistant sign up for each of our summer Sundays. We will use a One Room Sunday School curriculum for ages 3-12. The curriculum is planned and easy to follow, with a small amount of preparation involved to gather extra materials or make copies for the coming week. Please prayerfully consider helping out by volunteering this summer. Contact **Pat Alexander**, 301-271-7164, for more information.

## Be a Volunteer in Mission for One Day!



The Mission Committee is planning a trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA on Saturday, 21 June from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We will be carpooling and leaving the church at 8:00 a.m., eating lunch in the area after we leave Mission Central's warehouse, and returning to Thurmont by 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.. If you are entering middle school next school year or are in middle or high school now, or older, you are welcome to sign up. **Both youth and adults are needed!** We aren't sure what our volunteer duties will be but they might include sorting donations for relief kits or other supplies, cleaning or straightening up the warehouse, or checking the contents of relief kits to make sure they meet the requirements for shipment. We'll have to wait and see what the needs are that day. Whatever we do, we will be serving and helping in Mission Central's goal of "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need." Please contact **Pat Alexander** at 301-271-7164 for more details or **Kelly Alexander** at 301-668-8775.

## YOUTH GROUP CONNECTION



The youth group will meet on Sunday, 1 June, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary to prepare for the youth-led worship services on 8 June. All youth are invited to help with these services, which will be at the usual times, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., on 8 June. For more information contact **Deb Stull** or **Pastor Bob**.

## Fireworks and Faith Night

WE'RE GOING TO A



**BALL GAME!**

Come join us to watch the Fred-erick Keys play the Wilmington Blue Rocks.

22 June at the Harry Grove Stadium.

Ticket money is due by 10 June.

Contact **Pat** or **Henry Alexander** at 301-271-7164 for more information or to buy tickets. Signup sheets are located in the lobby.

## WORKSHOP OF WONDERS (WOW)!



Vacation Bible School for kids from nursery age through 5th grade will be held from

**23 to 27 June 6:15 to 8:30 P.M.**

*Come see Rivet the Ant and Imagine and Build with God!*

Register your kids now or sign up to volunteer at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/wellerumc>

Paper registration forms are also available along with a volunteer signup sheet in the church lobby. Please consider helping us with this important ministry!

If you have any questions about this year's VBS, please contact **Bob Miller**, **Katy Bowers**, **Amanda Keilholtz**, or call the church office.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion Youth Group 4-6 p.m. Prayer Shawl	2	3 Puppet Ministry 6 p.m. C.O.M. 7 p.m.	4	5 Trustee's 7 p.m.	6 "Imagine No Malaria" fundraiser Roy Rogers 5-8 p.m.	7
8 Pentecost Youth Sunday, Graduation Sunday, 3rd Grade Bibles	9	10 Puppet Ministry 6 p.m. Ad Board 7 p.m.	11 Men's Night Out 6 p.m. 	12	13	14 Family Day at Robert Strawbridge Shrine  <b>FLAG DAY</b>
15  Father's Day	16 Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 Puppet Ministry 6 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22 Faith & Fireworks Night with Frederick Keys 6 p.m. Game	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Vacation Bible School 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday</b>						
29 Combined Svc. 10 a.m. Guest Speaker: Rod Fry	30					

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. unless otherwise contacted.**

## HELPERS FOR MONTH OF JUNE

### Greeters 8:30

- 01 Betty & R.J. Shorb
- 08 Youth Group
- 15 Janice & Mo Snyder
- 22 Paulette & Dennis Mathias
- 29 The Herbert family (combined)

### Acolytes 8:30

- 01 A.J. Child
- 08 Skyla Smith
- 15 Robbie Shaffer
- 22 Daniel Dutrow
- 29 Megan Clark (combined)

### Scripture Readers & Call to Worship 8:30

- 01 Bonnie Baust
- 08 Youth Group
- 15 Nancy Rice
- 22 Jody Hahn
- 29 Renee Shaffer (combined)

### Nursery Assistant 8:30

- 01 Peggy Royer
- 08 Kelsey Mathias
- 15 OPEN
- 22 OPEN
- 29 Kelsey Mathias (combined)

### Greeters 11:00

- 01 Jane Eyler
- 08 Youth Group
- 15 Kim & Wes Hamrick
- 22 Deb & Michaela Stull & Joan Staub
- 29 The Herbert family (combined)

### Acolytes 11:00

- 01 Megan Clark
- 08 Emmalee Miller
- 15 Josh Miller
- 22 Jacob Wastler
- 29 Megan Clark (combined)

### Scripture Readers 11:00

- 01 Debby Shultzaberger
- 08 Youth Group
- 15 Christine Miller
- 22 Mark Eyler
- 29 Renee Shaffer (combined)

### Nursery Assistant 11:00

- 01 OPEN
- 08 Cassie Parish
- 15 OPEN
- 22 OPEN
- 29 Kelsey Mathias (combined)

### June Sermons and Scriptures

- 01 Refresh: The Spirit-Driven Future, Acts 1:1-11
- 08 Youth Lead Service
- 15 Father's Day - Refresh: The Spirit-Driven Mission, Matthew 28:16-20
- 22 Lost and Found, John 12:20-26; Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17
- 29 Guest Speaker: Rod Fry, a lay leader from Wesley Chapel UMC in Frederick/Urbanna.

### **Save the dates for these Fellowship Spring and Summer Activities:**

- 20 July, Picnic at the Town Park
- 27 July - 1 Aug, Youth Mission Trip, Manassas VA

More information will follow.

**Photography Notice** Please note that photographs taken during church activities and services are used for keeping our church archives up-to-date and for use in our bulletins, newsletters, website and Facebook account. We ask that no tags, comments or changes be made on these photos for security reasons. If you prefer not to have you or your child's photo used in any of these areas, please notify Sandra Valentine or Pastor Bob.

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Apples United Church of Christ Concert to Help Restore Cemetery**

Apples UCC is planning a choir concert on Sunday, 8 June at 7 p.m. to help raise money to restore their cemetery. The Apples Choir will be singing "The Church Year in Song," which is a selection of the weekly anthems as well as selections by the newly formed Children's choir.

Apples UCC has some of the oldest grave markers in the areas. They are starting a multi-year project to reset, restore hundreds of stones which have been through years of weather, wear & tear. Some of these stones are written in German - pointing to our 'roots,' others come from the Revolutionary War. The estimated cost to 'fix' the stones is in excess of \$60,000.00.

A free will offering will be received at the concert, with all proceeds going to the cemetery restoration. Please come and share our fellowship.

## **Robert Strawbridge Shrine Family Day is Saturday, 14 June**

Come on out for some old fashioned fun, food and music at the Robert Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor, MD. This time of fellowship and history features music by the popular Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus, kid's activities, and lunch (grilled chicken and fish) provided by Strawbridge UMC. All events are free; food items are for sale. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the entertainment.

**Saturday, 14 June**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Robert Strawbridge was one of the very first Methodist evangelists in Maryland, if not the English colonies. He and his wife, Elizabeth, led Bible classes in their home. Robert traveled throughout Maryland to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. The Strawbridge Shrine preserves an 18th century meeting house, the Robert Strawbridge House and a frontier cabin.

***The Robert Strawbridge Shrine is located at 2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD.***

## WELCOME TO WELLER



Sunday, 18 May, was a special day for the Weller faith community as we welcomed five new members to the church: **Alice Kells, Joyce Kells, Sarah Kells, Cassie Parish, and Holly Wantz.**

We also celebrated the sacrament of baptism for **Hannah Cool**, daughter of **Holly Wantz** and **Michael Cool**.

We give thanks to God for each of you and pray God will continue to bless you as we live and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.



## Youth Group Hike and Picnic

Weller's youth took a hike to the falls at Cunningham Falls State park on Sunday, 18 May. Six youth and seven adults made the trek to the Falls following a delicious picnic lunch of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, and all the fixin's. The Falls themselves were really rushing due to the heavy rain we had earlier in the week.

On the way back, most of us took the cliff trail that winds 4/5 of a mile over some rugged terrain.

Many thanks to our youth who made this trek: **Michaela Stull, Emmalee Miller, Josh Miller, Andrew Kells, Brady Hallman and Bret Hallman.** Also thanks to **Deb Stull** for organizing this great day to enjoy the beauty of God's world.

