

Spring 2020

# Sharing <sup>the</sup> Story

Wesley Freedom: Generosity in Action Magazine



*Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen.  
- Luke 24:5b*



# **A Word from Pastor Tony**

## **May The Lord Be With You**

### THE SON

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate.

The widowed elder man looked on with satisfaction, as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again.

Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic.

Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Easter holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season, a season that he and his son had so looked forward to, would visit his house no longer. On Easter morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man.

As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. He introduced himself to the man by saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you."

As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his father's love of fine art. "I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task.

True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars of paintings. And then the man sat in his chair and spent Easter gazing at the gift he had been given. During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though the son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he touched. He would soon learn that his son has rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart.

As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received. The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation.

With the collector's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all the art works would be auctioned on Easter day, the day he had received his greatest gift.

The day soon arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many would claim "I have the greatest collection." The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was a painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening

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# Congregational Care

## Stephen Ministry Serving in Crisis

Pastor Ian Collier



At its heart, Congregational Care is about the body of Christ *being Christ* for one another. Just as a healthy human body does not abandon some of its parts, and if a limb or organ is damaged the human body sends support, within the body of Christ we care for each other in times of trouble. As I am writing this, our Congregational Care department is in the process of marshaling its full force to be in ministry with our congregation while we are in a period of imposed social distancing. By the time this goes to print, some of you may have received a call from myself or one of our Stephen Ministers for a time of prayer and conversation. As soon as we learned that our church body would not be able to meet in person, it became clear that our care for one another could not end, and so we organized a team of callers to check in with our members in as many households as we could, with a special concern for those who we were aware might be in an at-risk category according to the CDC. As part of this effort, over 200 households received regular check-ins over the past month as part of our efforts, and I know that each of you reading this on your own have been calling your loved ones and maintaining those bonds of Christian love just in the course of your daily lives. This is the work that Christians are called to, and even in times of adversity, the Church will be an agent of connection in our world!



*Becky Adams, Joanna Compton, Jen Shatto and Dennis D'Argenio comprise our Stephen Ministry Leadership Team.*

This effort truly would not have been possible without our Stephen Ministry team! Stephen Ministers are lay Christians who have gone through at least 50 hours of training to provide one-on-one care to persons experiencing a difficult time in their lives – from grief and divorce, to illness, relocation, or even a major change in life like the shock and grief that follows becoming an empty-nester. In January, I had the privilege of going to a training seminar for Stephen Ministry Leaders in Orlando, FL. This conference was an opportunity to speak to clergy and lay colleagues from around the country about their churches' congregational care practices, and to learn for myself how to train and help support Stephen Ministers here at our parish. It was a truly wonderful experience!



*Stephen Ministry Training, Orlando, Florida*

If you think you might benefit from speaking and praying with a Stephen Minister in your own life, or if you are hearing God's call to be in ministry to our Congregation and want to see if Stephen Ministry might be where God is calling you to serve, please give me a call at the church office (410-795-2777) or email anytime ([icollier@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:icollier@wesleyfreedom.org)).

# Worship Ministries

## Rising to the Challenge

Dan Eschliman, Director of Worship

Church family of Wesley Freedom,

I often feel like my job as Director of Worship is a lot like being on the TV show, "Chopped". For those of you who don't know it, "Chopped" is a cooking competition show where chefs are given a box of mystery ingredients and are challenged to create a dish using the odd assortment of foods. Challenges for me over the years have been "make an orchestra, but half of it is trumpets!" or "half of the choir is on a retreat, what are you going to sing?" or "all the drummers are unavailable but here's a 12-year-old, go!", among others.

This month, we received the challenge to create inspiring Lent, Holy Week and Easter worship using minimal personnel, to be transmitted over the internet using technology we've never tried before, that will be participatory and engaging. I am grateful for the hard work done by our pastors, our tech team, and the musicians and readers who have contributed, and I look forward to the time when we can again gather in person to worship God together!



## Praise Team Members Reach Out Beyond Our Walls

Bill Bjorkgren



Members of *Resilience* - Steve May, Karen Stebner, Bill Bjorkgren, John McDermott and Ryan Conoway

The thing that I love about our band is that each member has a heart of service. We all want to use our gifts in music to make a difference in people's lives. I believe that God has a plan and purpose for our lives, and that it is up to us to seek, find, and live that purpose, be it ordinary or unique.

Our ministry is about using music as a medium to carry a message. As Beethoven once said about music, "from the heart may it go to the heart". Our message is that we can be resilient, not in our own power, but by the grace of God. That is why we serve.

# Why Do I Serve?

## Creig Donald



I serve for multiple reasons. Growing up, my parents were heavily involved in the life of the church. Of course with my father being the pastor, that was only natural. When I left home after college and went searching for a church, it felt very odd to be on the periphery of church life. Just showing up for service on Sunday morning did not allow me to develop any deeper relationships with the church community. In order to feel more connected to the church, I needed to become involved in small groups: Bible studies, committees, and service projects. So the first part of the answer is: ***because it helps to connect me to the church community.***

Over time, I joined the church choir, a puppet ministry, and various committees because there was a need and because someone thought I might be a good fit. So, a second reason why I serve is: ***because I was asked by someone in the church with whom I had built a relationship.***

Once our son Ethan was born, I curtailed my church involvement to focus on being a father. When Ethan was baptized, I made a promise to “faithfully bring him to the Lord’s house” and that kept me well occupied while he was young. Teaching Ethan to be a good Christian is part of the vow I made before God, and for me, that meant teaching him to be a good Christian by example. So a third reason why I serve is: ***because I made a promise.***

Once we moved to Carroll County and started attending Wesley Freedom, I again looked for ways that my gifts could be used in service to God. Only now I needed to find ways that were also compatible with Ethan’s needs and issues. I am immensely grateful for Wesley Freedom and how loving, accepting, and nurturing the church community has been of Ethan. So a fourth reason we serve is: ***out of gratitude for the love that we have received.***



As in the past, our involvement came because there was a need, a personal relationship, and a request. There was an announcement about a need for people to help run the A/V equipment on Sunday morning. Sherry was in need of shepherds for the Christmas Eve service. Don, Gary, Sam, and Jackie asked Ethan if he would light the candles before worship. Dan started an impromptu men’s choir and said that he heard that I used to be involved in a choir.

So why do we serve? To build deeper relationships with Christ’s body the church; to keep promises made at our baptisms; to respond to a request or a need; and out of gratitude for the grace we have received.

# Children & Family Ministries

## Celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Community

Last night my son, wife and I had the chance to help the church set up for the Pancake Supper. I have to say, Miss Sherry and Cindy know how to run things well. From the power "From up Above" to prepping margarine and sausage, it was impressive how things got done. It really seemed like we all had done this many times before. Next time I want to do the ice cream cups..... Peace., Robert Kunze



"The Pancake Supper is fun and I enjoy helping others. It is a good event and I wanted more to come to the pancake supper each year, so this year I invited my whole class from school to attend with their families."  
- Daniel Lewis (pictured here with Judy Champ)



Audrey Trump brought a friend to dinner.

The Baker Family celebrates together



His mask isn't enough to hide the identity of Will Cosey

# Building Community While Social Distancing

Sherry Perrine, Director of Children and Family Ministries

As a community of faith it has been challenging to feel connected when we can't be together. People have been finding creative ways to connect with friends on facetime or zoom. Families have been staying connected through our online worship services and creativity. Neighbors have stayed in touch with friendly smiles, waves and even distance appropriate palm cross making. Most importantly, families have been finding meaningful and creative ways to grow in faith through prayer, family discussions and using resources provided online and by their Sunday School teachers. Please continue to share how you are staying connected to God, your faith community and how your family continues to grow in faith during this challenging season.



Two friends, Miranda Stankiewicz (on tablet) and Sheri Carr, FaceTiming while making Cards for nursing homes and Easter Baskets.



Sharon Feldman set aside a sacred space for worship.



Elizabeth Aracil's palm branch creation.



As able, a few staff and members were able to put palms in front of their homes for their neighbors.



Miss Connie making palm crosses with Addie and Ethan Poston. Connecting through social distancing and faith



Abby and Delaney James and their homemade palms.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sharing the Story from one Generation to the Next

Taylor Boone, Director of Youth Ministries



*For where two  
or three gather  
in my name,  
there am I with  
them.*

Matthew 18:20

At Wesley Freedom we are blessed to have a flourishing Youth Ministry program, and even more blessed to have a God who is constantly working through it all. In the last few months, I have had the privilege of watching God work in and through our amazing adult leaders, our middle and high school students, and myself.

Discovery 2020 was everything I had prayed it would be: awesome fellowship, great music, and God sightings everywhere. I am prayerful and excited to watch as the transformative power of God continues to bless our youth here at Wesley Freedom!



During this new and challenging season of social distancing, our youth ministry program is continuing to connect through virtual ministry! If you are a youth and looking to connect, email me to get the information! We are here for you and will get through this season together.

Taylor Boone, Director of Youth Ministries

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**Gracie Bulleri:** "My senior year at Discovery was my favorite year at Discovery. It has meant a lot to me that I am able to express my faith with a big family within my church. It was amazing to spend my last Discovery with people who care about me and look up to me. It is always awesome to see the impact that I have on everyone at Discovery, not just the Middle schoolers. It has meant the world to me to be able to spend these past few years with this amazing family of support."

**Owen Sevier:** "My experience at Discovery was something I could never prepare myself for. The constant energy from all of the middle schoolers was so refreshing. I loved being a part of the worship team and hearing the roar of all the Lord's children backing us up. I can't wait for next year!"



**Kelsey Lounsbury:** "This was my last Discovery and it was a lot of fun! I enjoyed meeting new people. I also enjoyed making new memories and dancing around with everyone during each session! The games were always fun too. I loved all the worship music and hanging out with my friends."



*Above: Olivia Lewis, Analisa Hassien, and Anna Gibson*

*Left: Lysie Szalecki*

*Right: Michaela Hassien, an 8th grade youth, was baptized by Pastor Ian at Merritt.*





**Our Mission:** To be a safe place that connects people to resources for abundant health.

**Our Vision:** Be a community that treats all persons with dignity and respect.



A day of strategic planning took place on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Baltimore Washington Conference Center; where eight members of the WFFRC Advisory Board spent the day working through an agenda that included a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threat), developing mission and vision statements, discovering our strategic priorities, implementing plans for each priority and developing our next steps. It was a full and fruitful day, and much was accomplished. One of our strategic priorities that stood out was Advocacy. Mirriam Webster defines advocacy as “the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal”. Our cause is addiction and mental health, and one of the ways we want to support and advocate is through a communications campaign. This will include brochures, social media, forums/town halls, working with our existing ministries, such as youth, EYLC and Sunday School. In order to have a successful campaign we need people to help make all of this happen. We need people who can design brochures, help with social media, help organize events, fundraise - all bringing awareness to not only this church community but the community of South Carroll. If you are interested in getting involved in the Family Resource Center, please contact me at [sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org) or call the church office at 410.4795.2777 ext. 12. - Sharon Feldman, Family Resource Center Director.

### **Partnering with UEmpower**

UEmpower is one of the poorest communities in South West Baltimore. This organization teaches skills in food service and brings job opportunities, sustainable food sources, and hope to the youth in the neighborhood. In January we provided warm outer wear and leftover South Carroll Food Pantry items to help support their restaurant night.



Dawn Montgomery, the liaison between the WFFRC and UEmpower, shared the pictures. “We had someone to help organize all the clothing and help the community pick things out”, she said. “It was beautiful.”



## Coming Together To Serve

Thirsty Disciples Adult Small Group chose Shepherd's Staff as their way to serve the community. The group wanted to do a project in which they could include their children, so, they decided to pack **Birthday Bags**. Each bag assembled included a cake mix, icing, candles, small gifts, etc.. Everything for a child's party. Laura Cline, one of the group's leaders said, "We put together 10 amazing birthday bags that included cards made by the kids. It was such a fun project for them."



If your small group is looking for ways to support Shepherd's Staff, please contact Sharon Feldman at [sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sfeldman@wesleyfreedom.org).



"A friend asked me to join her and, although hesitant due to my lack of artistic ability, I agreed to go as it was for a great cause. My hesitancy didn't last long as it turned into a great night with great company and conversation all while serving a great cause. Fun time!" - Robin Sabatino

### Empty Bowls

Each year Shepherd's Staff holds an Empty Bowls Project Event in April. Folks purchase a ticket for \$20 to eat a simple lunch of soup and bread at Saint John's Catholic Church in Westminster. Several area restaurants provide a variety of soups for everyone to try. Once you have had your fill of soup, you exchange your disposable luncheon bowl for a hand painted pottery bowl as a reminder that there are many empty bowls in families all around Carroll County. All proceeds go to support the folks who need financial assistance. Shepherd's Staff needs 600 hand painted bowls to make this event a success. Where do they get those 600 bowls? From people all over the county attending pottery parties; just like those from Wesley Freedom who participated in the first annual pottery night at Sykesville Pottery and Art Center.

*This event was cancelled this year but the bowls will be used at the Empty Bowls Event 2021.*

# TAKING CARE OF OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Making Progress, More to be Done  
The Operations Team

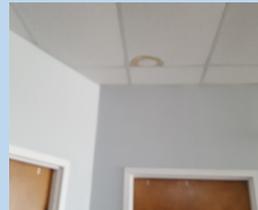


New **WINDOWS** were placed in rooms 201, 300, 400, 401 and 402. HVAC units were installed in the Conference Room and Room 400. We need to install two more units in rooms 401 and 402.



We had our flat **ROOF** repaired and new **CEILING** tiles were placed in the Narthex and Gathering Areas but water found its

way inside so there is more work to be done. Ceiling tiles in room 303 also need to be replaced.



New **LIGHTING** was put up in our Gathering Area, Education Hallway and offices.



Thanks to a generous donation we were able to replace our **MAIN ENTRANCE SIGN**.



**TREES** were removed, some **SHRUBBERY** was trimmed, but there is a plethora of trimming that needs to be completed.



Large areas of our **PARKING LOT** have cracked to the point that they are beyond repair and need to be replaced and relined



This is one of our **STORM DRAINS** in the garden area outside of the Gathering Area. The drain is literally collapsing underneath the grates



We will be replacing the sinks, installing a counter top and painting the wall in the **WOMEN'S RESTROOM** outside of room 303. We would like to replace the toilets, partitions and flooring as well.



In an effort to mitigate the **CLC** water problem, tarps were installed to redirect rain water away from the building. If this experiment proves to be successful, then a more permanent solution will be sought.



We need to replace at least 25 of the **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**. We also need to replace some **SMOKE DETECTORS** as well since we have to bring in a lift and remove the pews.

Recent improvements to the **FREEDOM YOUTH CENTER** include painting of the floor and walls in the downstairs rooms. Ceiling tile and lights were also installed..



Lots of **PAINTING** still needs to be done outside and inside, including our Gathering Area.



When the **NORTH B ENTRANCE DOORS** stopped being usable, funding new doors became a priority. Also, generous donor stepped up to provide the funds to replace the **FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORS** to keep the look uniform.



**AND FINALLY** our **CARPETS** have been replaced through our insurance after the truck hit the portico causing lots of water damage.



# DISTANCE DISCIPLESHIP

## How are you connecting during COVID-19?



*"During this time of disruption to our lives due to the pandemic, it would be easy to become overwhelmed with a sense of isolation and loss. Fortunately though, Wesley Freedom has eagerly stepped into the 21st century and is using technology to reinforce our faith and help us weather the storm. I personally engage through Facebook and Zoom*

*in Sunday morning services preceded by Chapters Bible study with Ben. During the week I have also benefitted from and enjoyed prayers and inspirational thoughts from the pastors as well as Wednesday morning Bible study. These have all been wonderful experiences that have inspired me and helped me to maintain my focus on learning as we the people of Christ brave the storm together." - Marilyn Audlin*

"I have been in hiding, however I am still able to worship with my faith family. I have watched the service that is online each Sunday, and I was able to join with my Bible study, WOW, using Zoom. It was so wonderful to interact with my friends and to share a little bit about our experiences. I am looking forward to the watch party on Facebook to "attend" Maundy Thursday service on Thursday at noon, and it was easy to sign up online for tithing. The building is not the church. The wonderful people, pastors and staff, who have gone to great lengths to continue to care for us, and to give us a way to celebrate and worship together!!! Thank you everyone!!!" - Kathy Freeman

*"Each Sunday, Gordon and I have participated in the online service by watching, praying, and singing along. Having Rosita play the organ on Palm Sunday made the experience even more meaningful and more "church-like." For me, being part of the Zoom group that meets with Pastor Tony has been enlightening as we have really gone in-depth to understand specific Bible chapters. We miss being in church, but we truly appreciate everything the staff is doing to make us feel connected.." - Carol Huggins*



"I have been doing zoom calls for youth group with Taylor and everybody and try to make the most of it. Also the high school Sunday school class is doing the same thing with Miss Nicole and try to pray for our sanity, safety and for the people on the front lines to get us back to a sense of normality." - Samuel King

*"On Sunday mornings, I turn off all distractions and listen to the weekly church service on my phone, using the mobile app. The pastors' messages remind me of God's love and presence in our lives, giving me hope for the coming week. I love that Dan plays and sings familiar hymns; I sing along too, but don't tell anyone. I recently signed up to make my offering through the same app; it was much easier than I thought. For those unable to connect online, I highly recommend Reverend Tony's prayer conference calls on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

*I am grateful that our church has so many ways to keep us connected, until we meet again." - Ellen Wickham*



*"During these challenging times of trying to maintain a positive attitude, I find*

*that the spiritual activities afforded by Wesley Freedom have certainly made my life easier. Pastor Ian's morning devotionals help me get my days started with positive thoughts of God being by my side no matter what is happening around me. I also enjoy having a Bible Study with Pastor Tony via Zoom conferencing. He presents the study topic as a "family" discussion that allows everyone to "weigh in" with their thoughts and comments relative to the topic being discussed. My Tuesday night Life Group took advantage of 'Zoom' and we meet to pray, discuss appropriate readings reflecting the current health crisis, and*

*also check on each other for any concerns, needs, and things for which we are thankful. It also helps us keep the bond that we have established with each other. I am eternally grateful to have such a wonderful, supportive church family that takes advantage of technology to ensure our spiritual needs are addressed at a critical time in our lives." - Carol Zmarzly*

## From the Pastor

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bid. The room was silent. “Who will open the bidding with \$100?” he asked. Minutes passed, No one spoke. From the back of the room came, “Who cares about that painting? It’s just a picture of his son. Let’s forget it and go on to the good stuff.” More voices echoed in agreement. “No, we have to sell this one first.” replied the auctioneer.

“Now, who will take the son?” Finally, a friend of the old man spoke. “Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That’s all I have. I knew the boy, so I’d like to have it.” “I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?” called the auctioneer. After more silence, the auctioneer said, “Going once, going twice. Gone.” The gavel fell.

Cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, “Now we can get on with it and we can bid on those treasures!” The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced the auction was over.

Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Someone spoke up and asked, “What do you mean it’s over? We didn’t come here for a picture of some old guy’s son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars of art here! I demand that you explain what going on here!” The auctioneer replied, “It’s very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son ... gets it all!”

Just as those art collectors discovered on that Easter day, the message is still the same – the love of a Father – Father whose greatest joy came from His Son who went away and gave his life rescuing others. And because of that Father’s love ... whoever takes the Son gets it all.— Author Unknown

I don’t who the author of this story is but many years ago it was shared with me. I now share it with you and my hope is that you will share it with others for years to come. It’s a great way to “tell the story.” - PTL

## FINANCIALS & GIVING

*“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous, and willing to share”. - 1 Timothy 6:18*

God has given us so many good gifts! The staff and ministry teams at WFUMC continue to work to provide worship, learning, and connection during this time we are unable to gather inside our church walls. Our Food Ministries continue to serve over 90 families through our Pantry and Grab-n-Go lunches. Your continued giving makes this all possible. We give thanks for your faithfulness and your spirit of giving.

If you have not done so already, we encourage everyone to set up a recurring gift account by going to [wesleyfreedom.org](http://wesleyfreedom.org) and clicking “Give Online”. You can also text to give by texting WFUMC to 206-859-9405 and clicking the link in the return text. Additionally, the church has installed a secure mailbox for receiving mailed offerings at 961 Johnsville Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784.

Pray about what you are able to give and then find the ways that work best for you. Wherever God leads, let us always be ready to share.

If you have any questions or would like any assistance, please contact Cindy Hinson at: [CHinson@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:CHinson@wesleyfreedom.org).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		YTD
		1/1/20-3/31/20
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Weekly Contributions		\$210,537
EYLC Contribution		\$22,500
Other Building Usage		1,065
Interest		18
Fundraising activities		200
	Total Income	\$234,320
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries & related costs		\$149,575
Mortgage interest payments		13,881
Building expenses (1)		31,507
Ministry area costs (2)		6,615
Administrative costs (4)		8,479
Conference payments		30,638
Designated Reserve		0
	Total Expenses	\$240,695
	Net Income	(\$6,375)
Mortgage principal payments		\$12,562
	Net Income for Cash Flow	(\$18,937)

- (1) Includes electricity, water, oil & natural gas, insurance, custodial services & maintenance
- (2) Includes education, worship, youth council, care of members
- (3) For WFUMC contribution to Capital Campaign
- (4) Include Stewardship—mailing and other costs

# EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Sundays

Chapters Bible Study: Ephesians via [Zoom](#) (meeting number 390-800-6186)

Online Worship: Join us at one of the following: [WesleyFreedom.org](#);  
[Facebook](#) (10:00AM Facebook Watch Party); [YouTube](#);

## Mondays

10:30am [Facebook Devotional](#) with Pastor Ian

## Tuesdays

6:00am Morning Prayer conference call with Pastor Tony (Dial 617-793-8008)

6:00pm Evening Prayer conference call with Pastor Tony (Dial 617-793-8008)

## Wednesdays

10:30am [Facebook Devotional](#) with Pastor Ian

11:00am Pastor's Bible Study (Respond to this email, or email the church office for the Zoom link)

## Thursday

6:00am Morning Prayer conference call with Pastor Tony (Dial 617-793-8008)

6:00pm Evening Prayer conference call with Pastor Tony (Dial 617-793-8008)

## Friday

10:30am [Facebook Devotional](#) with Pastor Ian

## Saturday

"God Talk" Prayer Guide Email—Sign up at [wesleyfreedom.org](#) by clicking on "Sign-up to Receive our Newsletter"

## Distance Discipleship Opportunities

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May 7, 2020 @ 7:00pm	Service of Prayer and Healing	<b>Hoping to See You in Person</b>
May 9, 2020 @ 7:30am	Blood Drive	
May 17, 2020 @ 3pm	Confirmation Service	
May 30, 2020 @ 9am to noon	Bikes for the World: Bring your used bicycles to be refurbished and passed along to developing countries.	
May 31, 2020 @ 9:45am	High School Senior Breakfast – If you are a high school senior who would like to attend, contact Sherry Perrine ( <a href="mailto:sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org">sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org</a> ).	
June 14, 2020	Summer Sunday School for children begins  Pastor Tony's last Sunday with us	
June 21-27, 2020	Adult Mission Trip to West Virginia. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Tim Boyer ( <a href="mailto:tjzboyer@comcast.net">tjzboyer@comcast.net</a> ).	
June 28—July 2, 2020	Middle School Mission Trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
July 5, 2020	Welcome our new pastor in Worship	
July 13-17, 2020	Vacation Bible School (Evening Session still open)	
July 18-26, 2020	High School Mission Trip to Ireland, West Virginia	

Our Mission at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who share the story of God's grace.

Our Vision: To see the lives of people in our community forever changed by God's grace.