

Church Profile 2025

Wesley Freedom UMC

961 Johnsville Rd

Eldersburg, MD 21784

Carroll County Central Maryland District

Parsonage x No Housing Allowance \$22,477

Salary \$52,000

Number of worship services: 3

Average Worship Attendance 370 in-person/170 on-line

Number of appointed clergy: 2 Number of additional paid staff: 10

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

Wesley Freedom is situated in the thriving Eldersburg and Sykesville communities. Wesley Freedom values children and youth and serves hundreds of young people weekly through a church preschool, large Sunday School, and dynamic youth ministries. The church has many community partners to support neighbors through feeding ministries, personal hygiene items, and mental health and recovery. Wesley Freedom values careful Biblical scholarship and allows space for wholehearted conversations and diversity in convictions. The pastors promote anti-racism and LGBTQ+ affirmation.

What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?

The vision is more about who the church is called to be in the community than what they hope to do primarily by modeling graceful community.

The vision also includes expanding the worshipping congregation and community engagement through a culture of invitation (Launched in 2023) and developing communities of belonging so that every worshiper has the opportunity to “belong” and grow in faith (2024 focus).

What are the expectations of the pastor?

The Associate Pastor serves as the director of Discipleship and Communication. The AP develops, equips, and leads the adult discipleship team in providing discipleship opportunities and places of belonging (Life groups). The AP is the primary teacher of the congregation with dozens of persons in weekly pastor-led studies. The AP implements vision for communication strategies and is “editor in chief” of multifaceted print and digital communication. The AP cultivates an online presence, utilizing the church’s website, social media, and video applications for evangelism and discipleship. The AP shares in the pastoral roles of preaching, worship leadership, celebrating the sacraments, caring, and administering the affairs of the congregation. The Associate Pastor serves under the leadership of the Senior Pastor.