

Speech given at the Meals on Wheels Celebration of Reisterstown United Methodist Church 40 years of Service.

Forty years ago, a group of interested men and women gathered in the fellowship hall – which, incidentally is now our library space – to hear about Meals on Wheels of Central MD. Marguerite Maynard, a longtime active dedicated member here (Reisterstown United Methodist Church) had invited a friend from the Westminster Meals on Wheels program to speak to us.

From that nucleus of people a steering committee was formed and we were on our way to beginning delivery on November 10, 1975.

A lot has transpired over these years. Today, we are actively serving two meals per day, 5 days a week (Monday through Friday) and especially including all holidays.

There are many volunteers involved in our current Reisterstown/Owings Mills/Glyndon area routes. Churches, community residents, some businesses and civic organizations have participated. At one time we included students from Franklin High School.

We urge anyone has a few hours to give to come forward.

Most of our MOW transactions take place in the parking lot of Reisterstown United Methodist Church, although in the beginning our kitchen space was used, and the storage shed for the meal containers is alongside the fellowship hall.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know that Reisterstown united Methodist Church is being recognized for our contribution.

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