

## SERMON NOTES

**The purpose of Wesley United Methodist Church is to proclaim God's love by: *Providing spiritual nurture to those who have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, and witnessing his love to those who have not yet accepted him; and by providing for the needs of the human community as God reveals them to us.***

We gather to publicly worship the Lord through Praise, Prayer, Word, and Sacrament. Worship is by definition a communal act. We gather in response to the grace already given to us through Jesus Christ. So at its heart, worship is about thanksgiving for the relationship established through the crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior. We bring a sacrifice of praise. We gather not as an audience, but as actors on a stage, directed by the worship leaders, directing our worship toward our audience: our faithful, awesome God.

**The Chancel Flowers** this morning are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our daughter Alison's graduation from Duke Divinity School on May 14, 2017, and provisional ordination at the United Methodist Church, Baltimore-Washington Conference, on June 1, 2017, by Jim & Jeanie DeLeo.

### **Participants in Today's Services:**

**Pastor:** Amy D. Yarnall  
**Associate Pastor:** Jewett Short  
**Organist:** David E. Wilkins  
**Acolyte:** Ally McLellan  
**Lay Reader:** Stuart Knapp  
**Ushers:** Tom Anderson, Dan & Tina Cahall, Jim & Pat Skeans  
**Audio Operators:** (8:00) Brian Wasko, (9:45) Don Knox, (11:15) Jim Snell  
**Media Operator:** (11:15) Jacob Aucoin

**Hearing assistance devices are available.** Please speak with an usher if you are in need of one.

**Wi-Fi password:** wesleywesley

**Follow us on Twitter:** @doverwesleyumc

**Facebook: Wesley UMC Dover:** If you have a smart phone, tablet, etc., please "check in" when you are at Wesley UMC.

**A Family Restroom** can be found in the Music Suite on the same level as the Sanctuary by using the door to the left of the pulpit.

**May 21, 2017**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Early Service – Sanctuary  
8:30 – 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time – Visitors, please join us in Grace Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee or juice, a cookie or two, and get acquainted with Wesley Church’s congregation.  
8:40 - 9:10 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Search Class – Education Building  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Parlor  
9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room  
9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School – Grace Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Outreach Sunday School Class – Student Ministries Center  
9:45 a.m. Donuts, Coffee & Devotions (Sr. High)  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service – Traditional – Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service – Praise & Worship Service – Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Benefit Concert – Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Student Ministries Center

**TUESDAY, May 23, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Hall’s Restaurant – Wyoming, DE  
2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant – Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2017**

11:00 a.m. Weekly Intercessory Prayer – St. Paul’s Chapel  
6:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building

**THURSDAY, May 25, 2017**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, May 27, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building

**Friendly Calendar Reminder** - Numerous meetings are held daily at Wesley Church. To avoid conflicts with scheduling, if you are planning a meeting, luncheon, wedding, etc., and using the church facilities in any way, it is important that you call the church office @ 678-9626. Also, Committee chairs: It is your responsibility to notify the office of your meeting dates and changes and cancellations.

**Hospital Visitation:** Pastors Amy Yarnall, Jewett Short & Sigrid Mills visit our members and friends in the hospitals as needs arise. If you know of someone -- a member, regular attender, yourself or a loved one -- who is hospitalized, please get their permission to add their name to our hospital list. Then call the church office (678-9626) to let us know.

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**May 21 – May 28, 2017**  
**Let Us Pray....**

Sunday: and praise God for His common grace toward all people. Pray for those worshipping here to really hear and believe Scripture as it is read and proclaimed. Pray for the Tone Chime and Children’s Choirs and Directors as they practice for the Benefit Concert this afternoon. Ask God to bless each Sunday School Teacher and Student and keep them in the truth. Pray that the Benefit Concert will be a blessing to all those in attendance. Ask God to bless our Youth and their Leaders as they gather for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible, our love for God will grow deeper. Pray for the Men’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet to share the ways they are growing closer to God through keeping their covenant.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Bible Study as they enjoy breakfast together and begin a summer break. Pray that they will always encourage one another in their walk of faith. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to continually fill them with compassion and grace as they minister to others. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet to share the ways they are growing closer to God through keeping their covenant.

Wednesday: and intercede for those who are ill, that they might experience God’s healing; those who are grieving, that they might know God’s comfort; those who are being abused, that they might be protected; those looking for employment, that God might open up an opportunity; those in struggling marriages, that God might regenerate their love for each other; those raising rebellious children, that God might give wisdom and courage; those trapped in an addiction, that God might set them free, etc.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they prepare for worship. Pray that they will find the people they need to fill in during the summer.

Friday: for our country. Pray that God will give wisdom and discernment to all in authority. Ask God to protect our military and give them victory over the enemy.

Saturday: for missionaries around the world to know how to share the Gospel effectively with those to whom they are sent. Pray for the students and teachers at the Mama Tola School in Congo.

Sunday: and clear our minds of all distractions so that when Scripture is read and proclaimed we will be fully engaged and able to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to continually reveal truth from His Word to them so that they might impart it to others.

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# Spark Imagination at VBS this Summer

## BEE a part of VBS!

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids will learn they're created by God and built for a purpose!

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/wesleyumc>

VBS Dates: June 25 - 29, 2017

VBS Times: Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.  
VBS 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call: (302) 678-9626



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### Announcements

**On Father's Day**, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a slide presentation showing members of Wesley Church with their Fathers and their children. If you are a dad, uncle, grandfather, or someone who fathered a child, please consider submitting a photo of you with your children. If you are someone who was fathered, please submit a photo of you with your fathering person. There will also be a section for "In Memory Of". Please submit photos to Michele Dryda at [mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com) or drop a photo off at the church office **NO LATER** than June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour, Ushers and Greeters Needed:** We are in need of a new coordinator for Coffee Hour and Greeters. Also, volunteers are needed to serve during the coffee/fellowship time on the fifth Sunday morning when we have five Sundays in the month. Also needed are greeters for Sundays to welcome people as they come to worship at Wesley. Ushers are needed for the 9:45 a.m. service. If you can help fill these vital ministries, please call the church office at 678-9626. *Thank you!*

**The Praise Band** is looking for substitute pianists, drummers and singers to fill in during the summer months. If you are someone who would like to participate in this lively, anointed musical group, please contact Becky Davis at [becky@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:becky@wesleyumc-dover.com).

**New Church Directory coming soon!** Lifetouch will be coming soon, watch for details in upcoming bulletins. Pictures will be taken on the following dates in the Student Ministries Center.

- ◆ Dates: June 1, 2 & 3, June 15, 16, & 17. June 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◆ Time: Week Days – 1:30 – 9:00 Saturdays: 9:30 – 5:00
- Computer sign-up will be in Grace Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays, May 21, 28 and June 4. You can also select your appointment by going to the following link, <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9r50sdlk/>.

In addition to the Paper Church Directory will be a Mobil Directory, designed to bring our church families closer together. The Mobile Directory helps build community and engage families by making images and contact information easily accessible.

- ◆ **Convenient.** Includes tap to connect icons for phone and email, plus address mapping.
- ◆ **It's updatable.** Families and staff have access to the most recent contact information.
- ◆ Connect **anywhere.** Accessible on smartphones, tablets and computers.

Once we have the Directories back, information will be supplied on how to access the Mobile Directory.

**Summer Sunday School** begins on Sunday, May 28th at 9:45 a.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. Come join Ms. Crystal Lewis and Ms. Joy Gordy-Stith for a fun and exciting hour of Deep Blue Sunday School.

**New Small Group Study** began on May 7th and will continue thru the month of May at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Catherine L. Short, curriculum writer and teacher, will facilitate the class, The Spiritual Psychology of the Underground Railroad which is the Dynamic of Hope. Donation of \$15 per participant.

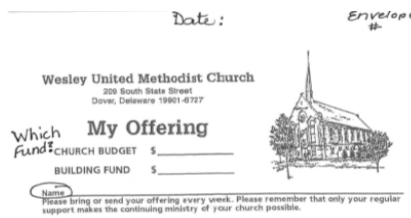
**May 21<sup>st</sup> - Week Three** - Daring to Act Upon Hope Unseen - Courage and Determination.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> - Week Four** - Freedom Seekers - The Canadian Connection.

**Search Class:** We meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Search Classroom in the Education Building. Our current study is *In The Garden*, by Adam Hamilton. Come join in learning of the Gardens in the Bible.

**FINANCE UPDATE!** Wesley Church and the Finance committee would like to thank you for the recent Faith Gift offerings and extra increased pledges that we have received. As of today, we have received \$3,569 in Faith Gifts. Also, we have had quite a few pledge increases. Your hard work and dedication as a congregation does not go unnoticed. We are very thankful to have such a caring and dedicated group of worshipers. With the extra Faith Gifts that we have received, our budget deficit is now down to \$30,378.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment to making sure that Wesley Church can continue to operate on a normal basis, as well as continue to help those in need in the community. — Allison Bumgarner, Finance Chair



**Offering Envelopes:** We need your help. **Please put your number and name, and mark where your money is to be credited** on your envelope. We have been receiving envelopes with cash inside, but no name or number or indication of which fund your money is intended.

**You do not have to write separate checks** for the general and building funds or multiple weeks.

**Electronic Giving:** If you would like to give a recurring contribution by direct debit, the forms are available at the church office or email [marian@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:marian@wesleyumc-dover.com). — Thank you, Marian Hudson, Financial Secretary.

**Thank You** — Recently one of our members had a special need. To the people who were approached to help, wither for labor or gifts, they responded readily and generously. The project has been completed. Thank you to everyone. God is good! — Sigrid

**Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Olive Oil, Baking Chocolate & Mugs for sale:** You are invited to bless farmers and artisans around the world by purchasing fair trade products displayed next to the kitchen in the corner by the two chairs. These products will be available on a continuing basis. [www.interfaith.equalexchange.com](http://www.interfaith.equalexchange.com).

**Prayer Request:** Please put your request in the offering plate and we will include it for Wednesday prayer. To place a request on the prayer chain, please call Diane Boyce, 697-6020, or send an e-mail to [ddboyce61@comcast.net](mailto:ddboyce61@comcast.net). Please send specific prayer requests to: [pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com).



We want our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and civilians, as well as their families, to know of our prayers and support for them while they are deployed overseas. **Michael Boyce, Tom Pratt, Sam Slate, and Kyle Smith.**

Please notify the Church Office if your family member/friend is no longer serving overseas.

**Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:**

GEC, Barbara H., Carson, Tim, Elaine, Jimmy, Judy, Linda, Madison, Maureen, Bev Auckland, Paul Barker, Barbara Berry, Denise Boyce, Joshua Brewer, Sue Bratten, Thurman Bruffey, Matthew Butler, Mark Campbell, Bryn Coker, Betty Ann Cooper, Ruth Dowell, Ken Evans, Vi Glanden, Lisa Hall, Lucas Hardy, Grace Hartman, Sharon Hastings, Ed Hazlett, Abel Heller, Bertha Hudson, Pete Jackson, Sheryl King, Christopher Lambertson, Karen McKenna, Diane Draper-McGuire, Sean Mixon, Jane & Bob O'Hara, Joyce Oliphant, Addie Pack, Courtney Phillips, Lynette Rose, Kira Russum, Cindie Sharpe, Bill Short, Jake Slater, Rick Spence, Tim Spence, Anna Mae Starkey, Debbie Taylor, Ron Tietbohl, Juan Vivó, Timmy Wilson, Tom Windley, and the family of Roy Mahoney.

