

**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 presented to the glory of God and to the repose of the soul of Raymond Arsenault and other loved ones by Stuart & Carrie Knapp.

**The Chancel Flowers** in front of the pulpit are given in to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband Roy P. Mahoney on our 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, October 10<sup>th</sup> and in honor of my birthday on October 20<sup>th</sup>, by Katarina Mahoney.

**Participants in Today's Services:**

**Greeters:** John & Sylvia Dowell

**Ushers:** Tom Anderson, Jim & Sandi Thistlewood, Dan & Helene Zeman

**Audio Operators:** (10:00) Mardi Spangler

**Projection Operator:** (10:00) AJ McLellan & Jacob Yarnall

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

**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.

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October 8, 2017

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

8:40 - 9:10 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Bell Room  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes — Education Building & 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 — Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary  
11:00 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.  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — Grace Fellowship Hall  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Group — Student Ministry Center

**MONDAY, October 9, 2017**

5:30 p.m. AED/CPR — Grace Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. UMM Meeting — Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study — *I Corinthians* — at the Cohens' Home

**TUESDAY, October 10, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study — Education Building  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting — Library  
2:00 p.m. Women's Covenant — Parlor  
7:00 pm. Delaware Choral Society — Grace Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017**

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study — Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Weekly Intercessory Prayer — St. Paul's Chapel  
6:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting — Search Classroom — Education Building  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner — Grace Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Bell Room  
6:30 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service — St. Paul's Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study led by Pastor Amy — Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed — Library

**THURSDAY, October 12, 2017**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room  
7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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***October 8 – October 15, 2017***

***Let Us Pray....***

**Sunday:** and thank God that when we become His children He forgives all our sins. Pray for those worshipping today to hear and believe truth as Scripture is read and proclaimed. Ask God to bless the Tone Chime and Children's Choirs and Directors as they learn songs of faith. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students learning together. Ask God to bless the Confirmation Class as they learn more about what it means to trust in Christ. Pray for the Youth and Leaders as they meet for fun and learning.

**Monday:** that as we read and study the Bible daily, we will become more aware of God's wonderful love and forgiveness. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they meet. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to the Christian Education Committee as they meet to consider ways to make our Sunday School the best it can be. Pray for the *I Corinthians* Bible study as they learn what Paul has to say about Christ's resurrection.

**Tuesday:** for the Men's Bible Study Group as they continue to explore Moses, a man God used mightily. Pray for the staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to encourage them as they spend time in His Word. Pray for the Women's Covenant Discipleship Group meeting to share how they have grown in their spirits by keeping their covenant.

**Wednesday:** for the Women's Bible Study Group learning how to live out their faith. Intercede for those who are sick, grieving, abused, marginalized, having marital or child rearing difficulty, looking for employment, caught in an addiction, etc. Ask God to bring healing and wholeness into their lives and give them hope for the future. Pray for the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service as our Spanish-speaking friends worship together. Pray for the Handbell Choir and Director as they prepare to participate in worship.

**Thursday:** for the Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to bless them as they use their talents to enhance our worship experience.

**Friday:** for those in authority. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment for all the many issues that they need to address. Pray for a spirit of cooperation, truthfulness, and a desire to serve those they represent. Pray for God's protection over our military and first responders.

**Saturday:** for those around the world recovering from natural disasters. Pray that the goods and services they need to rebuild will be available and affordable. Ask God to bless the Mama Tola School. Pray for the Community Meal being served today. Pray there will be opportunities to share the love of Christ verbally with our guests.

**Sunday:** and clear our hearts and minds of all distractions so that we might worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray for the Strategic Planning Dinner to be a time of honest sharing and encouragement.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to fill them with the knowledge of His truth as they spend time with Him daily.

**Hospital Visitation:** So that we can visit you, please let the church office know you are in the hospital. Pastors Amy Yarnall & Jewett Short and Sigrid Mills visit our members and friends in the hospitals as needs arise. With HIPPA we can only see the list of those who register as a Methodist. If you know of someone -- a member, regular attender, 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.

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, Taylor Lucas, Tom Pratt, Sam Slate, Kyle Smith and Patrick Stamas.**

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



**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).

**Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:** Aven, Cheryl & Mike, Charlotte & Roy, Earl, Edward, Elizabeth, Jon Andrews, Gene Atkison, Lisa Ballard, Leonard Barnhart, Paul Barker, Harry & Lou Baxter, Dreama Beavers, Kim Book, Denise Boyce, Kelly & Natalie Breti, Millie Bryant, Matthew Butler, Julie Campbell, Jaden Denson, Arthur Devine, Ruth Dowell, Chel Flamer, Carol Geiger, Eva Goodrich-Moore, Frances Goodrich, Abel Heller, Lucas Hardy, Bertha Hudson, Cindy Jones, Christopher Lambertson, Sue Latavish, Jean Leary, Katarina Mahoney, Kevin Manuel, Jack McBride, Jennifer Moore, Beth Neary, Sally Nichols, Addie Pack, Suzanne Parrott, Tom Pratt, Anton Romano, James Schindler, Bill Short, Margaret Slaughter, Linda Smith, John Snow, Earlene Spence, Anna Mae Starkey, Jody Stein, Debbie Taylor, Kenny Thistlewood, Tyler Trego, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Janice Watkins, Sean Wright and Dwayne Young.



**SATURDAY, October 14, 2017**

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

**Announcements**

**AED/CPR Training October 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-9 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. It is time to be re-certified/certified on the AED (automatic electric defibrillator) and the CPR procedures. Cost \$5.00 per person. We have 3 AED's strategically placed throughout our campus. One is in the Narthex, one in Fellowship Hall and the third in the hallway of the Education Building. Our instructor will be Pat Weaver. Those who want to be recertified and those who want to be certified please call the church office at 302-678-9626. REMEMBER, BY TAKING THESE CLASSES, SOMEDAY YOU MAY SAVE A LIFE!

**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.

**Fellowship Time** Did you know that all supplies are furnished by the church for fellowship time? Volunteers are needed to prepare the coffee, juice cups, and platters of cookies, along with cleaning up afterwards. For more information contact Jim Yerger at 736-6115.

**Save the Date - Sunday November 5, 2017** -- *Rise Against Hunger*. Join us in Grace Fellowship Hall as we "*Rise Against Hunger*" beginning at 3 p.m. for our THIRD Annual fun, fast-paced, meal packaging event which will provide meals for those in need all around the world. There are lots of "jobs" for everyone, so put it on your calendar now -- and invite a friend.



**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).



**Join the Search Class**, an adult class which meets in the back of the Educational Building on Sundays from 8:45 – 9:40 a.m. Come for coffee, tea, and something sweet, and watch a sermon by Rev. Adam Hamilton. The videos always inspire thought-provoking discussions. We hope to see you there!

**Adult Class** at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor, led by Larry Josefowski. In *A Brief Survey of the Bible*, Bible professors John Walton and Mark Strauss.

**Bible Study:** Conrad “Connie” and Joann Cohen have graciously opened up their home located at 121 Kurt Drive, Dover, once again for a Bible study. Connie will continue the *New Testament* study on the book of *1 Corinthians*, on Mondays, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Come join us!

**Men’s Bible Study** Our study will be *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton. Come join us on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays in the Education Building, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Hall’s Restaurant for breakfast at 7 a.m.

**Women’s Bible Study** Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Come join us! For more information contact Diane Boyce at 302-697-6020.

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS FLASH**

The Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, *Almost There* by Michael W. Smith on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. You do not have to commit to joining the choir to sing. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful piece of musical theater, please contact Becky Davis, music director, at [becky@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:becky@wesleyumc-dover.com).

We are looking for a person, trained in dance to work with our young dance team in preparation for the Christmas Cantata. If you have experience in dance and would like to minister to God's youngsters in this way, or you know someone who might want to, please contact, Becky Davis at [becky@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:becky@wesleyumc-dover.com).

**Wesley Shelter for Women & Children --**

The Wesley shelter typically begins serving the community on December 1<sup>st</sup>. What is this ministry? In conjunction with other faith-based groups, we open our doors on specific nights as an emergency shelter during the winter months (32° & below). The Wesley shelter is in the Student Ministry Center (SMC) and holds women/children and intact families. This year we are still praying about the evening(s) Wesley will participate.

We are looking for volunteers to: prepare dinner or part of dinner, provide evening assistance or spend the night. We are also looking specifically for a volunteer to coordinate the meals throughout this season and someone who can assist with laundry that is laundered in the SMC building. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity please call Janet Krauss at 423-2168.

**Items we are currently collecting:** Plastic Forks/Spoons, Hand Soap refill size, Laundry Detergent, Chap Stick/Lip Balm, Deodorant, Women’s Socks, Washcloths, Bath Towels, Combs, Tissues. **Please place items in the blue bucket on the stage in Grace Fellowship Hall. Your support is greatly appreciated!**



**Wesley UMC Lakeside Cemetery --** We will dedicate the New Arched Ironwork and pillars at the entrance at State and Columbia Streets on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Come join the leadership of Wesley in the Dedication Service.



**Strategic Planning Event** - On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall, our Church will host a Covered Dish Dinner. The church will provide the meat and drinks and you are asked to bring a covered dish. This dinner will allow us to fellowship together and have small group conversations on what Wesley Church means to us, and what we do for the community. We hope that you will join us in this evening of reflection, joy, and fellowship as we begin to reshape the path Wesley Church takes for the future.