

## ***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 by Tom, Kelly, Denise and Melissa Devine and Sally Buckley in loving memory of their son, brother, and grandson, Michael Thomas Devine.

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

Pastors: Amy D. Yarnall & Jewett M. Short

Organist: David E. Wilkins

Acolyte: (9:45 a.m.) Isabella Hughes

Lay Reader: Tom Welch

Ushers: (9:45 a.m.) Tom Anderson, Don & Denise Knox, Jim & Pat Skeans

Sound System: (8:00 a.m.) Brian Wasko

(9:45 a.m.) Jim Skeans

(11:15 a.m.) Jake Aucoin

Camera Operator: (9:45 a.m.) Alberta Ayree

Projection Operator: (11:15 a.m.) Christina O'Connor

**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.

**Electronic Giving** – The instructions to download the app are: Text **wumc app** to 77977 (the space between wumc and app is important). To give electronically: Text **wumc** to 77977.

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

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary  
**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** – Student Ministries Center  
**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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**

**7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study** – Hall's Family Restaurant  
**9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting** – Library  
**2:00 p.m. Women's Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor  
**6:00 p.m. DE Choral Society Board** – Grace Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting** – Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study** – Parlor  
**11:00 a.m. Weekly Intercessory Prayer** – St. Paul's Chapel  
**2:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Parlor  
**6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner** – Grace Fellowship Hall  
**6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room  
**6:30 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service** – St. Paul's Chapel  
**6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting** – Grace Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting** – Education Building

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**

**1:00 p.m. PDC Committee - Cross Cultural / Cross Racial** – Parlor  
**5:30 p.m. Steering Committee** – Library  
**6:00 p.m. Family Life Committee** – Parlor  
**7:00 p.m. Finance Committee** – Library  
**7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room  
**7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room - Education Building  
**11:15 a.m. Small Group Study** – Grace Fellowship Hall & Parlor

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**January 14 – January 21, 2017**

**Let Us Pray....**

Sunday: and thank God that He gave us a new heart and a new spirit when He drew us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Pray that as people worship today they will hear truth as Scripture is read and proclaimed. Ask God to bless the Tone Chime and Children's Choirs and Directors as they learn new songs of praise. Pray for the Sunday School students and teachers as they learn from God's Word. Pray for the Confirmation Class to understand all that they are learning about God's plan for salvation. Ask God to bless the Youth as they meet to discuss all that happened at the Rally last week.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible daily, God's word will go deep and take root and produce the change that He desires for our lives. Pray that we will always hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday: for the Men's Bible Study Group as they enjoy breakfast together. Pray that they will encourage one another in their walk of faith. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to bless them in unexpected ways this week. Pray for the Women's Covenant Discipleship Group as they share how they have kept their covenant and grown in their love for God.

Wednesday: for the Women's Bible Study as they begin their study of Philippians. Ask God to teach them His truth as they study. Pray for those who are sick to experience God's healing; the grieving to be comforted; the abused to be protected; those with family issues to be filled anew with love and respect for one another, and wisdom and discernment for rearing children; those who are homeless to find warm shelter; those caught in an addiction to find the help they need to be set free, etc. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Group as they give their handiwork to encourage and comfort those going through tough times. Pray for the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service to be a blessing to our Spanish-speaking friends. Ask God to bless the Evangelism Committee as they meet. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director as they prepare for worship.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, and Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they prepare for worship. Ask god to give wisdom and discernment to the Steering Committee as they meet. Pray for the Finance Committee and the Missions Committee as they meet.

Friday: for those in authority. Pray for God-given wisdom and discernment as they work together for the good of the people. Pray that as we confess our national sins there will be ways to repent and bring about change that will lead to our being "one nation under God."

Saturday: that there will always be enough space to meet the needs of those looking for shelter from the cold. Pray for those still recovering from natural disasters, those living in places where there is famine, civil unrest, etc. Pray that God's people will continue to use their resources to enable recovery, and to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world. Pray for the Mama Tola School.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to fill them with an unquenchable thirst for His Word, and give them time alone with Him in prayer.

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**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.

**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:** Anton, Aven, Elizabeth, Jessica, Mark, Paul, Sharon, Trevor, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Kathy Berry, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Denise Boyce, Becky Broomfield, Thurman Bruffey, Matthew Butler, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Dee Coffey, Conrad Cohen, Joan Collins, Ralph Deats, Arthur Devine, Randy Farrow, Bernie Floriani, Carol Geiger, Eva Goodrich-Moore, Frances Goodrich, Mary Hill, John Hotchkiss, Mary Huston, Eddie Jenks, Candice Joynes, Ruth Lauter, Kathy Layton, Jean Leary, Gayle Lewis, Sam Lockard, Sara Lyons, Katarina Mahoney, Bob Mercer, Sigrid Mills, Jennifer Moore, Tom Olsen, Jim Orth, Athena Padgett, Cyndi Rees, Danny Robinson, Anton Romano, Ed Rowlinson, James Schindler, Margaret Slaughter, Linda Smith, Tim Sweeney, Debbie Taylor, Tyler Trego, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Marguerite Webb, Suzanne Wilgus, John Zimmerman and the family of Ruth Vehslage.

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## Announcements

**Welcome:** Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope that you have felt God's love in a new way. Following the worship service we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee or juice, and a cookie or two in Grace Fellowship Hall. If you are a first time visitor, please let one of the ushers know, we would like for you to have a welcome bag. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

**Flower and Greeter Calendars for 2018** – On Sunday morning take time to stop in the hallway to sign-up for or call the church office. Altar flowers are needed on the following Sundays: 1/21, 1/28, 2/18, 2/25, 3/11, and 3/18.

**Ushers Needed** – If you would like to volunteer, please call Fran Deats, 302-734-7010. Thank you!

**Friendly Calendar Reminder** – Numerous meetings are held daily at Wesley. 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 to avoid conflicts with scheduling.

**Coffee/Fellowship Volunteers** are needed to serve during the coffee/fellowship time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, please contact Jim Yerger at 302-736-6115. Thanks!

**Come and See: Staying with Jesus,** A Spiritual Retreat in Holistic Stewardship on **Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, 2018**, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. Take time for yourself in this spiritually transforming retreat led by Dave Buchanan, an Elder in the United Methodist Church and stewardship consultant, who has led people to deepened faith, and new understandings of what it means to be a Christian Steward in today's world. This experience will be an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ, and find life in him.

**Strategic Planning & Annual Leadership Training, January 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** – This year, the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee will again host the leadership training for all current and incoming leaders, in Grace Fellowship Hall. Our time together will focus upon our strategic plan. Additional resources for leadership orientation and communication will also be provided. Light refreshment will be offered. As we walk into God's future for us, your presence is vital. Will you please mark your calendar now and plan to attend? Striving to be faithful, Pastor Amy.

**240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW...** that Freeborn Garretson, a young itinerant minister, called Dover "a proverb of wickedness" in 1778, before he "joined those who were deeply awakened into a [Methodist] society" on September 13, 1778 – and Wesley Church was established?

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**Attention, Collectors** – The 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is organizing to celebrate Wesley Church's birthday throughout 2018. Have you collected memorabilia about the church, such as plates, photos, letters, Sunday School pins, documents, and articles, that you would like to share? If so, please bring the items to the church office or call Connie Strickland (678-0685) to pick up.

Donna Josefowski is scanning photos showing church events in the church's website ([wesleyumc-dover.com](http://wesleyumc-dover.com)). Please contact her to lend your pictures ([djosefowski@gmail.com](mailto:djosefowski@gmail.com) or 697-6210). If already digital, they can be e-mailed to Donna as well. The photos can then be shared on Wesley's Facebook Page and saved for our records.

**Join the Search Class** – An adult class which meets in the Search Classroom at the back of the Educational Building on Sundays from 8:45 - 9:40 a.m. Come for coffee, tea, and something sweet, and watch sermons by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the UMC of the Resurrection, Kansas City. The videos always inspire thought-provoking discussion. January themes are Joy and Gratitude. We hope to see you there!

**Men's Bible Study** – Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays at 7 a.m. in the Education Building, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast.

**Women's Bible Study** – Will resume on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Our Study is *"To live is Christ: The Book of Philippians"*. It is an eight-week, verse-by-verse study on the book of *Philippians*. The Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians has been the foundation for a life of contentment and joy to all who have embraced its message over the generations. We will learn how to rise above the circumstances of life, experience joy amidst adversity, and live with Christ at the center of our lives. Please contact Diane Boyce, 697-6020, if you are interested in this class. Study books are \$10.00.

**Faithful – Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph** – Join Pastor Amy on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parlor for the last chapter exploring the life of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

**NEW SMALL GROUP** – Join leader John Damron on Saturday morning from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. Come early, there will be food served each week, as we begin this newly-formed group study, dedicated to deepening our relationships with Jesus Christ. During the first five weeks we will be covering **Living the Five** by Jim and Jennifer Cowart, an in-depth study of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Children are welcome, but childcare will not be provided.

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**Annual Cold Weather Gear** -- The Wesley UMC winter clothing drive is now underway. Bins are located on the stage in Grace Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring only new items to donate; Gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. These items will be distributed monthly to local children by the United Methodist Women. Thank you in advance for your continued support in this ministry.

**THE HUB** – UMCOR has made some changes. They will no longer ship kits out of the country. Instead they are going to send money so that the people can make kits more appropriate to where they are. All the kits made will remain in this country. And they are reducing the number of kits to three: School Kit, Health Kit (renamed Hygiene Kit), and the Flood Bucket. There are always a lot of places in this country that can use those kits so we will not have less work to do. Also we would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Blessed New Year. Thank you for your support. Bonnie Jones-Goldstein and Ruth Rawlins.



**Helping Hands are needed!** Hop on board the

**Meal Train** for Linda Smith and Sam Lockard. What is a meal train you ask? Meal Train was designed to help out friends and family during times in their lives when they are asked "What can I do to help out?". The answer is, usually, to help them with a meal. Linda is recovering from major back surgery and Sam has other health issues to address. We, their Wesley church family, can help by providing meals twice a week for four weeks. If this is something you can do, the scheduling calendar is located at: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/qv9oo8>.

**The Delaware Choral Society** will begin rehearsals for *Curtain Up, a Concert of Show Tunes* on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> here at Wesley in Grace Fellowship Hall. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with introductions and singing beginning at 7 p.m. No auditions are required. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to sing. Dues are \$35 (\$15 for students under 21). Included in the program will be songs from the golden age of Broadway, Gilbert and Sullivan, and *Les Miserables*.

Now in its 60<sup>th</sup> season, the Delaware Choral Society was founded in 1957 by several area church choirs for the purpose of performing *"Messiah"* by G. F. Handel. Since its inception the choir has performed a variety of works, including major classical works, spiritual and folk songs, show tunes and popular song.

The Delaware Choral Society is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on [www.DelawareScene.com](http://www.DelawareScene.com). Grants are also provided by the Kent County Fund for the Arts and the Longwood Foundation.