



Lay Leadership Report By Donna & Larry Josefowski

"Now, there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). That, to us, is the essence of Wesley Church's ministry – All of us, with our gifts and abilities working on all the things we do we do for each other, the community of our city, our state, our nation, and our world.

We are honored and humbled to have been elected as the Lay Leaders of Wesley Church, and while we approach this with a variety of feelings, we believe that our strength in each other and our faith will help us in what we expect to be a very rewarding spiritual endeavor. We are grateful to Dave and Mary Ann Evans for their leadership and support as our predecessors and thankful to have Jim Thistlewood serving along with us as Facilities Lay Leader. He and wife, Sandi are truly a blessing to Wesley.

A bit about us: We have been together for over 26 years of marriage and in that time, we've managed to figure out where our individual strengths and interests lie, but also when it makes sense to lean on each other to take advantage of the gifts that God has given us. Donna is a lifelong Methodist with roots in Kent County for generations, while Larry was raised in the Catholic faith, has lived in the Dover area for 30 years. We are both active in a variety of organizations in the community – particularly ones involving history. Larry has served as SPRC Chair and Donna as Missions and Evangelism Chairs. We have two college aged children, Robert and Kaitlin who bring us joy each and every day. They both attend the University of Delaware.

The role of Lay Leader is to observe, to listen, to communicate, to teach, to lead, to exhort, and to guide both individuals and the congregation to our great mission. In short, our job is to be the "voice of the congregation", especially in matters of mission, service, and study. While there is but one mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ – the specifics of how to make that mission a success vary for every church, and our role is to help ascertain and develop that us. We hope to visit each small group or committee during this process to get to know others better.

There are several areas that we seem drawn: one of these is education and learning. The Methodist movement has always had a strong emphasis on learning, and providing and promoting the many opportunities for members of our congregation, both here at Wesley and in our conference, will help develop our discipleship.

The other focus is gratitude, joy, and positivity. A biblical formula for joy is: add to your life gratitude, humility, forgiveness, faith, hope, patience, and love. Take away resentment, anger, fear, worry, materialism, greed, jealousy, complaining, and pride. The result? Joy.

We ask for your thoughts and prayers, and to reach out to us with your concerns or ideas. We genuinely want to hear from everyone, so please stop us, call us (697-6210), or send us an email (layleader@wesleyumc-dover.com).

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 honor of Aubrey Krabill's 22nd birthday, by her family.

Participants in Today's Services:

Pastors: Amy D. Yarnall & Jewett M. Short

Organist: David E. Wilkins

Greeters: Pat Nichols

Ushers: (9:45 a.m.) Tom Anderson, and Boy Scouts

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

(9:45 a.m.) Jim Skeans

(11:15 a.m.) Jake Aucoin

Projection Operator: (11:15 a.m.) Ray 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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February 11, 2018

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service** — Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes** — Education Building & Parlor
- 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
- 8:30 - 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 p.m. Confirmation Class** — Grace Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Group** — Student Ministry Center
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Leadership Development** - Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Outreach Choir** — Choir Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

- 7:00 p.m. DCS Board Meeting** — Parlor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study** — Education Building, Search Classroom
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting** — Library
- 2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** — Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. DE Choral Society** — Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Barbara Circle** — Shirley Mundorf’s Home

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study** — Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Weekly Intercessory Prayer** — St. Paul’s Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service** — Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Rosemary Circle — Luther Towers #1** — Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner** — Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal** — Bell Room
- 6:45 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service** — St. Paul’s Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting** — Ed Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service** — Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

- 12:30 p.m. Martha Circle** — Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** — Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal** — Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Stant Family** — Grace Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting** — Search Class Room - Education Building
- 11:15 a.m. Small Group Study** — Parlor

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Let Us Pray....

- Sunday: and thank God that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives growing us in Christ. Pray that as God’s Word is read and proclaimed today people will hear truth that will encourage them in their walk of faith. Pray for the Tone Chime and Children’s Choirs and Directors as they learn songs of praise. Ask God to bless the Sunday School Teachers and Students as they learn together. Pray for the Confirmands as they formulate their personal theology. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they gather for fun and learning.
- Monday: that as we spend time with God everyday that we will become attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit as He prompts us to live for Christ.
- Tuesday: for the Men’s Bible Study. Pray that God will teach them His truth as they earnestly seek wisdom and discernment. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to encourage them and fill them with the joy of His salvation. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they begin their journals for 2018.
- Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they learn to live for Christ. Intercede on behalf of those who are in need of God’s healing touch. Pray that they would have God’s peace, courage for each new day, hope for the future, and trust in God’s perfect will for them. Pray for the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service to be a blessing to all in attendance. Ask God to bless the Ash Wednesday Services as we begin Lent in preparation for celebrating Easter. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they enjoy dinner with their spouses. Ask God to bless 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. Pray for the Steering Committee as they meet to discern God’s will for Wesley Church. Ask God to bless the Finance Committee as they meet.
- Friday: for those in authority “to be motivated more by Your hand than by partisan or personal concerns. Give them wisdom to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our nation.”
- Saturday: for the Living the Five Bible Study as they deepen their relationship with Christ. Pray for those who are living in places of poverty, civil unrest, persecution, famine, etc. Pray that God’s people will provide the resources to alleviate these conditions. Pray for the Mama Tola School to be a blessing to all in attendance.
- Sunday: and clear our hearts and minds of all distraction as we seek to worship God in spirit and in truth.

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

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.

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. Please send specific prayer requests to: pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com.



Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer: Alex, Jackie G., Jean C., Jessica, Kathy, Mark, Paul, Trevor, Wilma & Dan, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Thurman Bruffey, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Vivian Clow, Dee Coffey, Conrad Cohen, Joan Collins, Margaret Courtney, Arthur Devine, Mary Jo Faust, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, Donna Forgash, Carol Geiger, Eva Goodrich-Moore, Frances Goodrich, Gayle Hickman, Mary Hill, Jean Hitchens, John Hotchkiss, Mary Huston, Candice Joynes, Ruth Lauter, Kathy

Layton, Gayle Lewis, Sam Lockard, Sara Lyons, Harry Montgomery, Alberto Moran, Bob Mercer, Jennifer Moore, Tom Olsen, Jim Orth, Cyndi Rees, Danny Robinson, Anton Romano, Ed Rowlinson, James Schindler, Patrick Simons, Margaret Slaughter, Linda Smith, Charlotte Spence, Owen Spivey, Debbie Taylor, Tyler Trego, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Marguerite Webb, Cathy Woodhouse and John Zimmerman.

Announcements

Welcome: Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope that you have felt God's love in a new way. If you are a first time visitor, please let one of the ushers know; we would like for you to have a welcome bag. Following the 8 and 9:45 a.m. worship services we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee or juice, and a cookie or two in Grace Fellowship Hall. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

70th Wedding Anniversary! One of our former pastors and his wife are celebrating their 70th Anniversary on Valentines Day. Bill Hemphill was our senior pastor from 1962-1969. If you are able to send them a card, that would be wonderful. Rev. & Mrs. William Hemphill, 655 Willow Valley Square, Apt L202, Lancaster, PA 17602.

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW... that in 1778 Mrs. Miriam Barratt, "the gaoler's wife, who sat at her window at some distance [yet was able to hear Freeborn Garretson preach on The Green in Dover] was awakened, shortly after found peace, and became a heavenly-minded woman," who then influenced many others to convert and join the Methodist society? Years later when her husband Phillip Barratt retired from being a sheriff, he returned to his farm in Frederica and donated an acre of ground for the building of the chapel which bears his name.

240th Anniversary Committee: Our 240th Anniversary Committee has been busy doing presentations in the local community speaking on the significance of Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover's history, as well as today. Committee members, Ann Baker Horsey and Tom Welch recently spoke to the Dover Downtown Rotary Club and will be speaking to the Colonial Rotary Club next week. If you know a local organization who would be interested in hearing more, please contact the church office at 302-678-9626.

Attention, Collectors — The 240th 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). Please contact her to lend your pictures: (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.

Download our Smart Phone App — Download our smart phone app and stay up-to-date with the sermons on video, events, the calendar, electronic giving and more. The instructions to download the app are: Text **wumc app** to **77977** (the space between wumc and app is important).

Flower and Greeter Calendars for 2018 — On Sunday morning take time to stop in the hallway to sign-up for one of these ministries, or, call the church office.

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.

Helping Hands are needed! Hop on board the **Meal Train** for the Wesley UMC Shelter (Code Purple). Wesley UMC Shelter: Your donations and food preparation are essential to the success of our ministry to our guests. If you would like to sign up for a Wednesday or Thursday meal, you may do so at the following link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4dv5d6>.

Ash Wednesday Services — February 14, 2018, Service of Ashes at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will be in the Sanctuary.

Lent Contemplative Prayer and Meditation Service — Wednesdays at noon come to the St. Paul's Chapel for a 30 minute time of reflection, silent prayer, and meditation. No experience required; beginners encouraged. Pastor Amy will lead you in ways of praying. February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28.



Wednesday, February 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. Our church is hosting the Chamber of Commerce Mixer/Meet the Candidates. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the community to see Wesley Church. Our members are encouraged to attend, as well. We are looking for volunteers that evening

to help out - **3 - 4 Volunteers:** Set Up (tables, chairs, tables for food, displays, banners, sandwich boards) - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

2 Volunteers: Outside Greeters (people to help make sure the Chamber members enter through the doors leading to Grace Fellowship Hall so we don't interfere with the Pre-School). - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers varies: Provide Hot and/or Cold Hors D'oeuvres (we are looking for something substantial and may be feeding as many as 100 people): - Food can be dropped off in advance or directly before the social. Please list what you can bring.

4 Volunteers: Food Servers (we are looking for individuals to set-up the food and make sure it is replenished - it will be buffet style) - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

3 - 4 Volunteers: Clean Up - Taking down tables and chairs and picking up afterwards - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

1 - 2 Volunteers: Sanctuary - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Family Life Upcoming Events -- Mark your calendars for the following Family Life events: March 24th Family Bowling from 4-6 p.m. at Dover AFB Bowling Alley. March 31st Easter Egg Hunt, gather in Grace Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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. We hope to see you there!

Men's Bible Study — Come join us on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7 a.m. in the Education Building, and on the 3rd Tuesdays at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast. We will begin our new study **Making Sense of the Bible** on February 13th. Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of *Revelation* really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

Women's Bible Study — Join us on Wednesdays 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.

NEW SMALL GROUP — Join leader John Damron on Saturday mornings 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.