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April 15 – April 22, 2017 – Let Us Pray....

- Sunday: and praise God that Christ is seated at the right hand of God interceding for us. Pray for all those worshiping here to be thrilled by the wonder of free grace. 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 that they might be able to unmask error and blow away doctrinal haze. Pray for the 240th Anniversary Concert/Dinner to be enjoyed by all. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders having fun and learning from the Parables of Jesus. **Pray for the people of Wesley to keep the Lord's Day holy and refreshing as they Honor the Gift.**
- Monday: that as we read and study Scripture we will be equipped to be witnesses for Christ. Pray for the *Luke* Bible Study as they look at Luke's account of the Christmas Story. **As part of Honor the Gift, pray for the people of Wesley to be tender in touching hurting people.**
- Tuesday: for the Men's Book Study as they break bread together and enjoy one another. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to give them a passion to reach people who have no church. Pray for the Women's Covenant Discipleship Group as they mature in faith. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to the Trustees as they meet. **Pray for the people of Wesley to strive to know the height and depth of Christ's love as they Honor the Gift.**
- Wednesday: for the Women's Bible Study as they learn from *Daniel* how to live for God in today's culture. Pray for those in tough situations to look to God, Who is the source of all healing. Ask God to bless those who are creating prayer shawls for people we are holding in prayer. Pray for the Soup and Bread Meal and La Caminante Service to be a blessing to all who attend. Ask God to use the Love and Logic Parenting Class to instruct parents from His Word on child rearing. Pray for the Leadership Dinner that is part of the Honor the Gift Campaign. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director as they to prepare for worship. **Pray for the people of Wesley to be those who do not return evil for evil or hold grudges or gossip as they Honor the Gift.**
- 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. **Pray that as part of Honor the Gift the people of Wesley will be ablaze for God and filled with the Holy Spirit.**
- Friday: that as part of Honor the Gift the people of Wesley will be content with what they have and trusting the promises of God.
- Saturday: for the marginalized, those living in places of civil unrest, famine, persecution, etc. Pray for God's protection, and thank and praise Him for His Sovereignty. Pray for the Mama Tola School. Pray for the people of Wesley to be patient and kind and meek when life is hard.
- Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God and Honor the Gift of His Son. **Pray for the people of Wesley to be purified by the Word and addicted to righteousness as a way of Honoring the Gift.**

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.

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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 in loving memory of my mother, Beatrice Rosenberger, and brother, John Rosenberger, by Beatrice Lacklen.

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 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. worship services we invite you to join us in Grace Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee or juice, and a cookie or two. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

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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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 15, 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** – Parlor & Education Building
- 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. Senior High Sunday School** – Parlor
- 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
- 4:00 p.m. 240th Concert & Dinner Theater** – Sanctuary and Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Outreach Choir** – Choir Room

MONDAY, April 16, 2018

- 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting** – Library

TUESDAY, April 17, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study** – Hall’s Restaurant
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting** – Library
- 12:00 p.m. Women Supporting Women** - Franco’s Restaurant
- 2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. DCS Dance Rehearsal** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room - Education Building
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting** – Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. DE Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study** – Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Love & Logic Parenting Class** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner** – Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Honor the Gift Leadership Dinner** – Franco’s Restaurant
- 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.

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Make A Difference In Someone’s Life - Card Ministry

Do you make your own cards? Or enjoy purchasing cards for others? Wesley United Methodist Church is beginning a greeting card ministry. Greeting cards are a wonderful means for building and strengthening relationships. Our goal is to have cards available for various occasions for our congregation to take and pass on or mail to others. We are looking for donations of cards (handmade or store bought) for any occasion including birthdays, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, congratulations, new baby, wedding, holidays, and more. Please bring your cards to the church - we will have a box for donated cards in the church entranceway. If you have any questions, please contact any Evangelism Committee member.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We would like to invite you to a VBS decorating meeting. Come and learn more about VBS 2018 and how we can use your gifts to serve our children and community. Feel free to bring a friend to join in the fun!



What: VBS Decorating Committee

When: Monday, April 16th

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Wesley UMC– Library

Please see Amy or Karen with any questions.

Amy’s Cell: 609-805-6660, Email: amy.kellen@wesley.edu

Karen’s Cell: 302-229-4076, Email: klmac@ymail.com

Human Trafficking Awareness Event - Thursday, April 26th 9 a.m. - 12 noon. MF Chase Unity Memorial Church, 16 Vanessa Dr., Dover, DE.

Human trafficking is a crime which involves the forcing or coercing of a person into performing a commercial sex act or forced labor. The Region III Anti-Trafficking Federal Interagency Task Force is partnering with The Star Hill Ministerial Alliance, the Star Hill Civic Organization and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) of Dover to provide education on the important topic of human trafficking.

Attendees will learn about: Recent human trafficking cases in Delaware; How vulnerable populations are often targeted; How to identify trafficking victim; How to report if you suspect someone is being trafficked. “I am Little Red” a short video designed for children to teach them to be aware of “wolves” will be shown.

This event is free and open to all interested parties including faith-based organizations, health care and social service professionals, academia and students. Register at <https://detrafficking2018.eventbrite.com>. National Human Trafficking Hotline, 1-800-373-7888. Questions? Contact: Christine.woolslayer@hhs.gov.

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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.

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.



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. **Matthew Goodrich, Sam Slate, Kyle Smith and Patrick Stamas.**

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

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer: Alex, Ashley, Betty Jo, Brenda, Delores, Donna C., Jackie G., Jean, Jean C., Kathy, Lila, Lois, Mark, Trevor, Wendy & Courtney, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Chuck Bradley, Wayne Bradshaw, Al Burris, Julie Campbell, Mark Campbell, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Vivian Clow, Joan Collins, Norma Courtney, Arthur Devine, April Doyle, Mary Jo Faust, Ann & Debbie Fleischer, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, Carol Geiger, Frances Goodrich, Harry Hayes, Mary Hill, Mary Huston, Carol Jacobsen, Candice Joynes, Jean King, Sara Lyons, Alberto Moran, Bob Mercer, Jennifer Moore, Jim Orth, Gerrie Outten, Doris Redick, Anton Romano, Skip Ross, Ed Rowlinson, Harry Satterfield, James Schindler, Ann Short, Patrick Simons, Margaret Slaughter, Jane Small, Owen Spivey, Debbie Taylor, Pete Thompson, Ryan Timmons, Joyce Torbert, Tyler Trego, Tucker Family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Rose Wagner, Phillip Wallace Jr., Stan Whittum and Cathy Woodhouse.



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THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

- 5:30 p.m. Steering Committee** – Library
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Open House – Art Show** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting** – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Missionpalooza** - Rooms throughout the church
- 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room - Education Building

Announcements

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW... that as Wesley Church grew, it built Wesley Chapel in 1887 at Governors Avenue and Mary Street? The chapel was used for Sunday School work by this church until the chapel was sold to another church in 1892.

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. 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.

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.

Flower Calendar for 2018 — On Sunday morning take time to stop in the hallway to sign-up for a Sunday, or, call the church office.

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

Our Greeter Ministry needs you! Greeters are our front line ministers of welcome. Greeters provide the first official point of contact with the congregation. Greeters are critically important to set the tone of welcoming in the congregation. Prayerfully consider, this a ministry you can serve on Sunday mornings and special services throughout the year? To volunteer, call the church office at 302-678-9626.

11:15 a.m. Servants Needed — We are in need of one adult servant at the 11:15 a.m. service to care for older kids during the sermon time. Joy leads this time with kids ages 3-10 and we need a second adult present to be safe sanctuary compliant.

Children's Sunday School Servants Needed — The children's Sunday School program is in need of servants to assist with various breakdown areas within the program. Please see Joy Gordy-Stith for more information or e-mail Joy at joy@wesleyumc-dover.com.

Join the Search Class — The Search Class is starting a new series about "**Jesus, The Gospel According to Mark**" with sermons by Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The DVD series will be shown on Sunday mornings. Various class members will take turns leading discussions. Come to the Search Class room in the back of the Educational Center from 8:45-9:45 a.m. The members share together over coffee and sweet treats and are continually awed by the insight of Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome!

Adult Sunday School — "*Half Truths*". This course follows Adam Hamilton's 2016 book by the same name. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include: Everything happens for a reason; God helps those who help themselves; God won't give you more than you can handle; God said it, I believe it, that settles it; Love the sinner, hate the sin. Please plan to attend on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome!

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. Our study is ***Making Sense of the Bible*** by Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors. It 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.

Women's Bible Study — The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of *Daniel* using Beth Moore as our guide. Please let Diane Boyce (302-670-4059) know if you plan to attend this study so that we can have a book for you. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures — to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and treats. Today, we face many of the same trials. This study examines how believers can develop integrity in our modern-day Babylon and then explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ. Hope to see you there.

Curtain Up! A Concert of Show Tunes — Saturday, April 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m. at the Dover High School Auditorium, 1 Dover High Dr. Join the Delaware Choral Society, Delaware Youth Chorale, and the Dover High School Vocal Arts Academy for an evening of show tunes and Broadway hits. The Delaware Choral Society is a non-profit organization, open to every interested singer without audition. We have been bringing the music of great composers to Dover and its surrounding communities since 1957. Advance tickets can be purchased from Richard Satter, after service in Grace Fellowship Hall.

Honor the Gift Sunday, April 29, 2018 we will have a combined worship service at 10 a.m., followed by a mission journey celebration and lunch in Grace Fellowship Hall. Dan Briggs, our Joyful Noise Handbell Choir director, will be having his Masters Degree Concert in the Sanctuary at 2 p.m. We look forward to celebrating the Joyful day with you.

Pecometh Day will be held this year on Saturday, April 28th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. It's a perfect chance to see Pecometh for the first time and hear about our Summer Camp program, or come back to camp to revisit familiar sites and see familiar faces. Bring a group from your church to tour our camp. Free activities include open house tours, games, hayrides, and exhibits. Entertainers and exhibitors include balloon artist Steve the Balloon Guy, The Church Hill Volunteer Fire Company, Birds of Prey from the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, and music. Plus, one lucky winner will win EITHER a \$150 or \$300 campership for summer camp at Pecometh! For more information and to enter to win the campership, visit us at www.pecometh.org/pecometh-day. For further questions, please contact us directly at 410-556-6900.