

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 the Dryda Family in loving memory of our mothers Wanda Potter, Shirley Malone, and grandmothers, Mary Anne Green, Mae Lewis, Leona Dyrda and Alice Ritchhart.

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, May 13, 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
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Student Ministry Center

MONDAY, May 14, 2018

7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men’s Meeting – Grace Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, May 15, 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
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Search Class Room – Education Building
6:30 p.m. DCS Outreach Choir – Choir Room

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study – Parlor
2:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor
6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner – Parlor
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting – Library
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.

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

5:30 p.m. Steering Committee – Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, May 19, 2018

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. – Steffi Holmes Music Recital – Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Search Class Room - Education Building
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Safe Sanctuary Training – Grace Fellowship Hall

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Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and praise God for He alone is righteous. Thank God for mothers who love and nurture us. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed today, all who hear will be drawn close to God and have their hearts renewed and a right spirit put in them. Ask God to bless the Tone Chime and Children’s Choirs and Directors learning songs of praise. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students as they learn truth. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they meet for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we take time to read and study the Bible and pray, that our hearts will be filled with gratitude for God’s Word. Thank God that Christ has imputed His righteousness to us. Pray for the Monday Bible Study to be able to begin again soon. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they meet.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Book Study as they sort out their beliefs about the Bible and what it says to us today. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to continue to reveal more of His truth to each of them. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they share how they have kept their covenant. Pray for the Trustees as they meet.

Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they continue their study from the Book of Daniel. Pray and intercede for those who are going through difficult times in their lives physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, spiritually, etc. Ask God to be very present with them and to bring healing and wholeness. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Ministry as they meet to work on their projects and prepare them for gifting. Pray for those receiving the shawls. Ask God to bless the Soup and Bread Meal and La Caminante Service for our Spanish-speaking friends. 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. Pray that they would know that they are truly appreciated for all they do to enhance our worship experience.

Friday: for those in authority to be used by God to accomplish much for good in our country and around the world. Pray for God’s protection over our military and for victory over the enemy. Pray that terrorist attacks will be thwarted.

Saturday: for those who are living in places where there is civil unrest, persecution, lack of good water, scarcity of food, etc. Pray that God’s people will do all they can to alleviate these conditions. Ask God to bless the Mama Tola School students and teachers.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God, Who loves us more than we can comprehend. Ask God to open the ears and soften the hearts of all those worshipping here today.

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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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: Ann S., Ashley, Betty Jo, Brenda, Chris, Delores, Donna C., Jean, Jean C., Jim S., Kathy, Kelly, Lila, Lois, Mark, Trevor, Wendy & Courtney, Trip Anderson, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Chuck Bradley, Wayne Bradshaw, Marie Burgoyne, Al Burris, Julie Campbell, Mark Campbell, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Conrad "Connie" Cohen, Joan Collins, Norma Courtney, Arthur Devine, April Doyle, Ann & Debbie Fleischer, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, Carol Geiger, Harry Hayes, Mary Huston, Carol Jacobsen, Candice Joynes, Walt Kellen, Pat Kelly, George Kendall, Jean King, Sara Lyons, John Marine, Alberto Moran, Jennifer Moore, Jim Orth, Gerrie Outten, Doris Redick, Anton Romano, Skip Ross, Ed Rowlinson, Harry & Nicky Satterfield, James Schindler, 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, Michael Windley, Ken Winters, and Cathy Woodhouse.



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Announcements

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW... that women have always been active members at Wesley Church? Women's groups were once the Ladies' Aid Society, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Women's Home Missionary Society, Young Women's Society, and Wesleyan Juniors. Unification of the church in 1939 changed these organizations, which unified in September 1940 to become the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS). Now after unification in 1968, women are part of UMW, United Methodist Women.

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.

Bud Vases - The Altar Guild is in need of Clear or White glass bud vases for the natal and memorial roses. You can recycle your used vases to this ministry by bringing them to the church and placing them in the box located in the Parlor. Thank you.

Being Good Stewards — As members of Wesley, when using a room for meetings, etc., please make sure that you leave the room clean and tidy, and all the lights turned off. If your group is the last one in the building, please walk thru and secure the building and insure the alarm has been activated. Thank You!

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

Our Greeter Ministry needs you! Greeters, whether they are upstairs, at the elevator portico or the front door, they 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, is 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.

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 Tuesday, May 15th at 7 a.m. at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast. Our last Bible Study for the spring is Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 a.m. in the Search Class room in the back of the Educational Center. Our study **Making Sense of the Bible** by Adam Hamilton will resume again in September.

Women's Bible Study — The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study, led by Diane Boyce, meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of *Daniel* using Beth Moore as our guide. If you have any questions please contact Diane Boyce (302-670-4059).



Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week — The Wesley UMC Christian Education Committee is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation Week for the Wesley Preschool teachers the third week of May (May 14th-May 18th).

We are asking for monetary donations or gift card donations (to places like Target, Staples, AC Moore, Michaels, etc.)

The Christian Education Committee is also asking for volunteers to come in Friday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. to help sanitize and clean classroom toys.

If you are interested or feel called to help us with this, please contact Joy Gordy-Stith at joy@wesleyumc-dover.com. Thank you for helping us bless our Preschool Ministry!

Safe Sanctuary Training — **This Saturday, May 19, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lunch is provided!

Where: Grace Fellowship Hall, Wesley UMC.

Who: Sunday School, Youth Group, and Nursery Volunteers and Staff.

Why: Safe Sanctuary is the official policy of the United Methodist Church to ensure our children are kept safe, and to ensure that you, our leaders, are also protected. Safe Sanctuary training must be renewed every two years and the background check every five years.



For more information, email Joy Gordy-Stith at joy@wesleyumc-dover.com.