

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 in loving memory of my husband, Robert Wall, by his wife, Eleanor Wall.

Participants in Today's Services:

Greeters: Don & Penny Gibbs

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Dan & Tina Cahall, Ed & Mary Cronshaw

Audio Operators: (8:00) Brian Wasko (9:45) Don Knox
(11:15) Jim Snell

Projection Operators: (9:45) Gabriel Marine (11:15) Sara Damron

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

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September 16, 2018

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Early Service – Sanctuary
8:30 – 11:15 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.
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
11:15 a.m. Worship Service – Praise & 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, September 17, 2018

7:00 p.m. Bible Study – *Luke* – at the Cohen’s Home

TUESDAY, September 18, 2018

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Hall’s Restaurant, Wyoming
12:00 p.m. Women Supporting Women – Franco’s, Dover
2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant – Parlor
5:45 p.m. DCS Board Meeting – Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building
6:00 p.m. Church & Society Committee – Library
6:00 pm. Delaware Choral Society – Grace Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Parlor

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2018

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. Peace Week Event – Grace Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service – Parlor
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room

THURSDAY, September 20, 2018

12:30 p.m. Martha Circle – Parlor
1:00 p.m. Conference CC/CR Committee – Student Ministries Center
3-5 p.m. DIPL Board Meeting – Student Ministries Center
5:30 p.m. Steering Committee – Parlor

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Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and praise God because He is Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty. Pray that as Scripture is read and preached it will produce change in our lives. Ask God to bless the Tone Chime and Children’s Choirs learning songs of praise. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students learning God’s truth. Pray for those representing Wesley UMC at the Open Streets Event today. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they meet for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we read and study God’s Word our daily living will reflect that we are His children. Pray for the Monday Night Bible Study on Luke as they meet to discover what Luke’s account of Christ’s life says.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Bible Study as they continue to discern truth and apply it to their daily living. Pray for the Staff as they meet. Ask God to bless each one in a special way this week. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet to discuss the ways they have kept their covenant. Pray for the Trustees to have wisdom and discernment as they meet.

Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they continue their study of Daniel. Intercede for those in need of God’s healing touch. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Ministry and those who receive the work of their hands. Ask God to bless the Evangelism Committee with great ideas for sharing the Gospel with our community. Pray for the Peace Week Event to be a success. Pray for the Soup and Bread Dinner and La Caminante to be a blessing for all who attend. Pray for the Boundaries Study to provide encouraging and helpful information for all. Ask God to bless the Bell Choir as they meet to prepare for worship.

Thursday: for our Organist, Choir Director, Chancel Choir, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they prepare for worship. Pray for the Steering Committee to walk closely with God as they discern the future of Wesley Church. Ask God to bless the Finance Committee as they look for ways to meet the current budget.

Friday: for a great revival among God’s people, that we might be a light in our communities. Pray for a great awakening among those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask God to give us courage to share our faith at every opportunity.

Saturday: for the United Methodist Women on Spiritual Life Retreat today. Pray that this will be a meaningful time of drawing closer to God. Pray for the Mama Tola School to be a blessing to all its students.

Sunday: and clear our hearts and minds of all distraction as we prepare to worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray for the Planned Giving Event happening 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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Prayer Shawl Ministry: The September meeting of the Wesley Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We would welcome new members. If anyone is interested in learning to knit or crochet, lessons can be arranged. We even have hooks, needles, and yarn!

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.

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: Delores, Ed M., Elizabeth, Ellen, George, Kathleen, Kathy, Katie, Kelly, Kellie & Kylie, Lila, Mark, Nick, Rachel, Tim, Trevor, Wayne H., Will, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Scott & Toni Bruffey, Thurman Bruffey, Marie Burgoyne, Al Burris, Fred Campanola, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Tom Clow, Vivian Clow, Conrad "Connie" Cohen, Joan Collins, Beverly Day-Ryan, Arthur Devine, Karen Fanders, Randy Farrow, Debbie Fleischer, Bernie Floriani, Carol Geiger, Don Gibbs, Vi Glanden, Wayne Hanby, Mary Huston, Candice Joynes, John Kelly, Pat Kelly, George Kendall, Angela & James Kincaid, Jordan Knisely, Cathi Kopera, Al Lambertson, Ed LeBorgne, Sara Lyon, Katarina Mahoney, John Marine, Alberto Moran, Jennifer Moore, Ralph Moore, Pam Nichols, Jane O'Hara, Gerrie Outten, Carl Parry, Greg Poore, Doris Redick, Kim Robinson, Anton Romano, Ed Rowlinson, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, Patrick Simons, Margaret Slaughter, David Snell, Walter Still, Debbie Taylor, Ryan Timmons, Tucker Family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Rose Wagner, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., and Cathy Woodhouse.

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THURSDAY, September 20, 2018 - Continued

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Library
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

FRIDAY, September 21, 2018

5:30-7:30 p.m. NAMI – Student Ministries Center
6:00 p.m. PDC UMW Set-up – Grace Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, September 22, 2018

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. PDC UMW Spiritual Life Retreat – Grace Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building

Announcements

Please do not enter Grace Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Time until the Sunday School parents have picked up their children. Thank You!

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW ... that "gilded" organ pipes were in view until 1950 when they were covered with a gold woven dossal cloth? In 1994 the present dossal cloth of five loose-weave jewel-toned panels with valance was woven for Wesley Church by Mathilda Murphy.

Have You Borrowed Equipment from Wesley UMC? Please check around your home and car for items borrowed from the church (tables, chairs, tablecloths, kitchen items) and not yet returned -- Thank you, Trustees.

Women Supporting Women: Inviting all women to join us for our group lunch on Tuesday, September 19th at 12:00 p.m. at Franco's Restaurant. If you're interested in attending, please contact Cindy Parker at 302-678-0353.

Sign up for the New Members Classes: If you are interested in exploring the meaning of membership in Wesley United Methodist Church, mark your calendars for this four-part series of classes.

Participants will be invited into deeper understanding; attending the classes is a way of deciding if membership vows are for you.

Classes are led by Pastor Amy and Pastor Short, as well as additional church leaders who vary each week.

Class to be held on Wednesday evenings in the Student Ministries Center at 6 p.m. on the following dates: September 26th, October 3rd, October 10th, and October 17th. Call the church office, 302-678-9626, to sign up and for more information about the classes.

Mark your calendar... The United Methodist Men are cooking again! On October 6, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall, join us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets will be available from any UMM member and in the church office. Advance prices: Adults- \$9, (\$10 at the door), Children (7-12) - \$5, and Children 6 & under - free. If you are available to lend a helping hand on Friday evening, October 5th at 5:30 p.m. to set-up and or help on Saturday during the meal from 4-7 p.m., we would greatly appreciate all volunteers. Come and enjoy a Great Dinner!

CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS WHO WORKED WITH TOM FLYNN: One of our former organists, Thomas C. Flynn, organized our first Handbell Choir, The Cabbage Ringers. Tom moved to become the Minister of Music at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Now that church is planning the 50-year celebration of his founding of their Southminster Ringers, and needs to hear from you, especially if you were one of the original Cabbage Ringers. Please get in touch with Mary Kobb - 302-736-1590, or the church office.

Greeters & Ushers Needed: Greeters are often the first impression visitors have when they attend worship. How can you help? Do you have what it takes to be a great greeter? Do you have a pleasant personality and are someone who smiles easily? Do you like to speak to new people? Are you able to arrive to church about 30 minutes before service begins? If so, we would love to have you on our "Greeter and Usher Teams". You can sign-up for: once a month, once a quarter, or even once a year! If you can help, please look for the sign-up sheet in the church hallway. If you have any questions please reach out to Noor Williams (greeters) at 302-747-0399, and Fran Deats (ushers) at 302-734-7010, they can help answer any questions about greeters and ushers.

Card Ministry: A word of encouragement goes a long way to comfort those who are sick, grieving, or celebrating a joyous occasion. Our new card ministry is set up in the hallway near the choir stairway (look for the "Happy Birthday" sign). If you have been thinking about a church member, neighbor, or relative, please pick up a card to send to them. Stamps are available too. The Church Directory can be found on the card rack if you need to look up an address. Thank you all those who have donated cards for our ministry (we can always accept more). If you would like to make someone's day, please send a card. Thanks for your support - Evangelism Team.

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, Price listing is on the table. Checks should be made out to WUMC, memo line- Fair Trade.

Search Class Studies the Gospel in Film: Join the adult Sunday School class, Search Class, as it explores biblical lessons in recent movies. The class meets in the back of the Educational Center on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:40, where there's always coffee, food, and fellowship. After viewing DVD's from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, in Leawood, Kansas, the class has lively discussions. All are welcome! *Weekly Topics:* Today, *Wonder*; September 23rd, *Jumanji*; September 30th, *Black Panther*.

Looking for a challenge this fall? Starting Sunday, September 23rd at 8:45 a.m. in the parlor, we will be offering a course that will touch on all 27 books of the New Testament, over a four-week period. The course provides a reading list of selected passages from the books of the New Testament. Over this four-week period, we will develop an understanding of the "big picture" of this tenet of our faith. We will begin the first session discussing the Book of Matthew. Please come, study, and share.

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 is leading the study on the book of *Luke*, on Mondays, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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 are studying the second section of ***Making Sense of the Bible*** by Adam Hamilton. Come join us!

Women's Bible Study – The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We will continue our study on 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. All are welcome to join us, hope to see you there.

Boundaries: Come, join study leader, Sherri Harrell, on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the SMC, for a nine-week session written by Dr.'s Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Uncover the secrets to cultivating the habit of setting and maintaining healthy boundaries that provide the framework for rich, productive relationships. Healthy relationships and sound living depend on maintaining effective personal boundaries. But many people don't know where to start. Do you have trouble saying no? Can you set limits and still be a loving person? Are you in control of your life? Do people take advantage of you? *Boundaries* presents the centerpiece for insights, exercises, and spirited group discussion that can profoundly improve the quality of your relationships in every sphere of life--marriage, family, friendships, church, and the workplace. No Class on September 19th.