

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 in loving memory of Donna Allison Snell's birthday, September 10, 1935. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to the Snell, Wilkins, Sinde, Stamas and Nichols family.

Participants in Today's Services:

Ushers: (9:45 a.m.) Tom Anderson, Don & Penny Gibbs, John & Cindy Parker

Audio Operator: (9:45) Jim Skeans (11:15) Jake Aucoin

Projection Operator: (9:45) Gabriel Marine (11:15) Sarah Damron

Greeter: Larry & Donna Josefowski

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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September 9, 2018

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 9, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Ministry Fair and 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.
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic** – Legislative Mall

MONDAY, September 10, 2018

- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men Meeting** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Luke** – at the Cohen Home

TUESDAY, September 11, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study** – Search Class Room – Education Building
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting** – Library
- 2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant Group** – Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room – Education Building
- 7:00 p.m. Delaware Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Barbara Circle** – at the home of Beverly Hughes

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study** – Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer** – St. Paul’s Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Rosemary Circle** – at Luther Towers #1, in the Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting** – Ed Bldg.
- 6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Meal** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service** – St. Paul’s Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boundaries Adult Study** – Parlor

THURSDAY, September 13, 2018

- 1:00 p.m. Mary Circle** – at Dover Place, in the Bistro
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Circle** – at the home of Helene Zeman

SATURDAY, September 15, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room - Education Building

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Let Us Pray....

- Sunday: and thank God that He is Sovereign over His creation. Pray for all who worship here today to grow in faith and love toward God. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students as they begin their fall curricula. Ask God to bless all those attending the picnic and pray that it will be a time of great fellowship.
- Monday: and thank God that He is never surprised by what happens on earth and He never says oops. Pray for the Monday Evening Bible Study as they begin their study of *Luke*. Ask God to bless the United Methodist Men as they meet tonight.
- Tuesday: for the Men’s Book Study as they gather this morning. Ask God to bless the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet to share how they have grown in faith by keeping their covenant. Ask God to bless Barbara Circle meeting tonight.
- Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they continue their study of Daniel. Pray for those going through difficult circumstances in their lives. Ask God to intervene and to meet their greatest need, fill them with His peace, and give them hope for the future. Pray for the Soup and Bread Meal being served tonight, and to bless the *La Caminante Service*. Ask God to bless the Handbell Choir and Director as they prepare for worship. Pray for Rosemary Circle meeting this afternoon. Ask God to bless those in the Boundaries Book Study.
- Thursday: for Sylvia Circle as they meet this evening. Pray for the Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they prepare for worship.
- Friday: for God to give wisdom and discernment to those in authority. Pray that they would desire to do what is good and right and that they would know what that is.
- Saturday: for people living in less than desirable circumstances. Pray that the church and para-church organizations will do all they can to minister to them by meeting their physical needs and sharing the Gospel.
- Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed lives will be changed and God will be honored and glorified.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to protect them from the lies and deceptions of Satan, the world, and the flesh.

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.

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 visit those who let us know they are hospitalized. 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.



Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:

Delores, Ed M., Elizabeth, Ellen, George, Kathleen, Kathy, Kelly, Kellie & Kylie, Lila, Mark, Nick, Rachel, Tim, Trevor, Wayne H., Will, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, 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, Debbie Taylor, Ryan Timmons, Tucker Family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Rose Wagner, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., and Cathy Woodhouse.

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.

Announcements

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW ... that the Peninsula and Delaware Conferences merged in May 1964? Formerly, the Peninsula Conference was predominantly white, and the Delaware Conference was mostly African American. Now the Peninsula-Delaware Conference rejoices in its diversity.

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 this worship services we invite you to join us in Grace Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee or juice, and a cookie or two and browse the ministry tables. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

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.

Ushers Needed: Ushers are our front line ministers of welcome. Ushers serve as the hosts for worship. Your role as an usher is critically important to set the tone of welcoming in the congregation. Contact Fran Deats to volunteer at (302) 734-7010.

Greeters 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 Team". 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. We will also be creating a way to sign-up online soon. Noor Williams has agreed to be our contact person and can help answer any questions. She can be reached at (302) 747- 0399.

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.

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, The Greatest Showman

September 16th, 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.

Boundaries: Come, join study leader, Sherri Harrell, on Wednesday evenings beginning September 5th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor, 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.

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 study again on September 4th with 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 began again on September 4th 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.

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 *New Testament* study on the book of *Luke*, on Mondays, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. We will begin the study on September 10, 2018.

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

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.

Have You Borrowed Equipment from Wesley UMC? If you have borrowed the church's commercial air blower used to dry floors, we need it returned as we have ongoing use for it. Also, check around your home and car for items borrowed from the church and not yet returned -- Thank you, Trustees.

Mark your calendar... The United Methodist Men are cooking again! 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!