

**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** are presented this morning to the glory of God and in honor of the Chancel Choir by Brian and Linda Wasko.

**Participants in Today's Services:**

**Greeters:** Kim Courtney, Donna Josefowski

**Ushers:** Tom Anderson, John & Cindy Parker, Jim & Pat Skeans

**Audio Operators:** (8:00) Brian Wasko (9:45) Tony McLellan  
(11:15) Jake Aucoin

**Projection Operator:** (11:15) Sarah Damron

**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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December 9, 2018

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, December 9, 2018**

8:00 am Worship Service – Early Service – Sanctuary  
 8:30 – 11:15 am 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 am Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room  
 8:45 am Adult Sunday School Classes – Education Building & Parlor  
 8:45 am Outreach Sunday School – Student Ministry Center  
 9:15 - 9:45 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room  
 9:45 am Children’s Sunday School – Grace Fellowship Hall  
 9:45 am Cantata – Sanctuary  
 10:45 am Angel Tree Wrapping Party – Student Ministry Center  
 11:15 am Worship Service – Praise & Worship Service – Sanctuary  
 1:00-5:00 pm Neidig Family Gathering – Grace Fellowship Hall  
 3:00-5:00 pm Youth Group – Student Ministry Center  
 4:00 pm DCS Outreach Choir – Choir Room  
 5:00 pm Yoga – Grace Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, December 10, 2018**

7:00 pm Bible Study – *Luke* – at the Cohens’ Home - Last one till January.

**TUESDAY, December 11, 2018**

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study – Search Class Room – Education Building  
 9:30 am Staff Meeting – Library  
 2:00 pm Women’s Covenant – Parlor  
 6:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting – Parlor  
 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building  
 7:00 pm DCS Outreach Choir – Choir Room

**WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2018**

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study – Parlor  
 11:00 am Weekly Intercessory Prayer – St. Paul’s Chapel  
 6:00 pm N.A. Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building  
 6:00 pm La Caminante Soup & Bread Dinner & Parlor  
 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room  
 6:45 pm *Advent* Study – Parlor

**THURSDAY, December 13, 2018**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, December 15, 2018**

8:30 am Breakfast with Santa – Grace Fellowship Hall

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***December 9 – December 16, 2018***

***Let Us Pray....***

**Sunday:** and praise God for peace that passes understanding. Pray for the Youth Bell and Children’s Choirs and Directors as they prepare Christmas music. Pray that many will enjoy the production of *God Came Near*. Ask God to speak to the hearts of all those in attendance as they hear the words and music. Pray for the Youth and Youth Leaders as they plan to attend the Youth Rally in January.

**Monday:** that as we read and study the Word of God, we will experience the peace that stays in our hearts and minds no matter what happens. Pray for the *Luke* Study as they continue to learn more about how Jesus interacted with people.

**Tuesday:** for the Men’s Book Study as they seek to discern truth from the Word of God. Pray for the Staff as they prepare for worship. Ask God to fill them with His peace this week. Ask God to bless the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they experience God’s peace through keeping their covenant. Pray for the Pre-school Board as they meet to oversee the activities of the preschool.

**Wednesday:** for the Women’s Bible Study as they near the end of their study of the book of *Daniel*. Pray that this study will continue to have an impact on them throughout their lives. Pray and intercede for those going through difficult circumstances in their lives. Ask God to fill them with His peace as He provides for their greatest needs. Pray for Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service to bless those who attend. Pray for the Advent Study as they learn about the gifts of God’s grace. Ask God to give wisdom to the Christian Education Committee as they meet to look for ways to make our Sunday School even better.

**Thursday:** for the Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise and Worship Ensemble, and Leader. Pray for the Church & Society Committee as they look for ways to influence society for Christ.

**Friday:** for those in authority to work together to accomplish much for good. Pray for our military and first responders to be safe as they carry out their duties. Ask God to heal the wounded and comfort the grieving.

**Saturday:** for Breakfast with Santa to be a blessing for all who come. Pray that the Children will hear the story of Christ’s birth and the reason for His coming. Pray for the Mama Tola School to be a blessing to all the students as they learn about Jesus.

**Sunday:** and prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Pray that the love of Christ will be felt as we worship together. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they participate in a Progressive Dinner.

Pray for our Pastor every day. Ask God to fill her 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. Pastor Amy Yarnall 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](mailto:ddboyce61@comcast.net). Please send specific prayer requests to: [pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com).



**Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:**

Angela, Aric, Carol, DM, Ellen, George, Heather, James, Matthew, Nancy, Pat, Tim, Todd, Wayne H., Jon Andrews, Sarah Barlow, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Scott & Toni Bruffey, Thurman Bruffey, Marie Burgoyne, Brynn Coker, Amy Conroy, Caroline Davis, Arthur Devine, Randy Farrow, Bernie Floriani, Carol Geiger, Vi Glanden, Doug Grieb, Mary Huston, John Kelly, Pat Kelly, George Kendall, Don Knox, Al

Lambertson, Pat Lieski, Sara Lyon, Katarina Mahoney, John Marine, Bill Moor, Alberto Moran, Pam Nichols, Judi Niezgodna, Tina Panek, Anton Romano, Jack Royston, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, David Snell, Walter Still, Debbie Taylor, The Tucker family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., Tom Welch, and Chris White.

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.**

Also, those who are in basic training **Dakota Palchik and Steven Yurchison.** Please notify the Church Office if your family member/friend is no longer serving overseas.

**Announcements**

**240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW** ... that many enlargements, additions, remodeling, and rebuilding projects followed at Wesley Church in 1870, 1884, 1897, 1924, 1941, 1950, and with Jeremiah I in 1998, and Jeremiah II in 2003? The Arden Building, which the church purchased from the State of Delaware for \$1.00 in 1996, had to be razed. Following this, an enhanced kitchen, a memorial hallway, portico, and better parking facilities were created. New arched front doors, reminiscent of the original, were added in 2002 by Robert D. Reed in memory of his parents, Robert H. and Vivian D. Reed.

**Greeters & Ushers Needed:** 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 at church about 30 minutes before service begins? If so, we need you on our Greeter and Usher teams. 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.

**Acolytes Needed:** Calling all youth grades 4-12 that are interested in being an acolyte on Sunday mornings at the 9:45 am service. Please contact Shannon Easton at 302-698-0391, or email [shannon.easton@comcast.net](mailto:shannon.easton@comcast.net).

**Help Needed:** We are in need of an adult to volunteer to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings during all three worship services. You will need a background check to volunteer in any position involving our child and youth programs. See Joe Young for more information.

**Wesley UMC T-Shirt:** Would you like to purchase a Wesley UMC tee shirt? We are selling purple tee shirts for \$10 in the church office. Just stop in the office to purchase one.

**Wesley Prayer Shawl Ministry:** We will not be gathering for knitting/crocheting, prayer and fellowship during the month of December. We will resume gathering on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 4 pm in the parlor.

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN:** Are you interested in developing closer relationships with other women who want to support and nurture one another? Join us **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12 p.m.** (noon), at **Franco's** for food, conversation and relaxation. There's no agenda other than getting to know each other in a relaxed environment. Contact Cindy Parker at 302-678-0353 if you are interested in attending.

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

**Advent Study: All I Want For Christmas: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace**, by James W. Moore. What's on your Christmas list this year? How about the greatest gift of all...God's gift to us of a Savior? Sometimes we concentrate so much on the gifts we want to give and to receive that we forget about the special gifts of Christmas. The truth is we need the miracle of God's grace to see them, feel them, hear them, wrap our arms around them, and celebrate them. This four-week Advent study helps us think about what we really want for Christmas by reminding us of the amazing, life-changing gifts Christmas has in store for us. Class dates are December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6 pm and share dinner with La Caminante in the Parlor, followed with the class beginning at 6:45 pm.

**The Search Class** The Search Class is an adult Sunday School Class which meets in the back of the Educational Center on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:40 am. With coffee and refreshments provided, the class watches sermons by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Search Class extends an invitation to all to join in the thought-provoking, heart-felt, and insightful experiences that these videos and discussions provide. Please join us! December 9<sup>th</sup> -- King David, King; December 16<sup>th</sup> -- Advent: Silent Night; December 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Advent: John the Baptist; December 30<sup>th</sup> -- Advent; January 6<sup>th</sup> -- The Fruitful Life: God's Vineyard; January 13<sup>th</sup> -- Bearing Fruit that Lasts; January 20<sup>th</sup> -- The Joy of the Harvest; January 27<sup>th</sup> -- A Life of Thanksgiving.

**Monday Night Bible Study** — Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7 – 8:30 pm will be the LAST Bible Study until the new year. — Connie Cohen.

**Men's Bible Study** — Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7 am in the Education Building, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast. We will begin using FaithLink, a weekly curriculum that offers application of faith to major current events and life issues, for use in a group setting. All men are welcome! Come join us! — Jim Skeans

**Community Yoga** classes led by Pastor Amy Yarnall are on Sundays at 5 pm in Grace Fellowship Hall, and Chair Yoga on Fridays at 11 am in the Student Ministries Center. Classes are free and open to the public. Donations accepted to benefit Mama Tola School in Congo. Wear comfortable clothing that allows movement. Bring a yoga mat if you have one; mats also provided.

**Breakfast with Santa** - Come join us for breakfast and a picture with Santa on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 am in Grace Fellowship Hall. Craft time for the kids, delicious breakfast and a small gift for every child who visits Santa, will make this a delightful morning. See insert to sign up.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

5:00 pm — Family Service and Communion

7:00 pm — Traditional Service with Choirs

9:00 pm — Traditional Service with Choirs and Communion

**\*\*\* Safety Notice \*\*\* Due to "Open Flame" (all the candles being lit) in the Sanctuary, anyone using oxygen can participate in the worship service in St. Paul's Chapel.**

This year we would like to serve refreshments in between the services. If you would like to contribute items such as — cheese bites, cheese balls, crackers, meatballs, cocktail sausages, veggies, dip, cookies, or a monetary donation. We also need helpers to assist in preparing and keeping the table supplied. Please sign-up on the form outside the kitchen on the portico hallway, or by calling the church office at 302-678-9626.



**CODE PURPLE:** From December 26<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>, Wesley UMC will be assisting Wyoming UMC with Code Purple. Wyoming UMC has begun enlisting volunteers, and they would like to communicate via email. Wyoming UMC needs to know how our Wesley volunteers can help with time slots, meals, bus driving, etc., and they will do the rest. So, prospective Wesley UMC volunteers, email your information to Lynn Ditty at [lditty2@gmail.com](mailto:lditty2@gmail.com), and she will get back to you. If you are

interested in driving the bus, the bus driver guidelines can be found in the folder located on our church office door.

The schedule for volunteering is:

- First shift: 4:30 pm to 12:30 am.
- Second shift: 12:30 am to 7:30 am. (our hardest to fill)
- Dinner shift: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Breakfast shift: 5:00 am to 7:30 am.
- Folks to prepare a dinner for the guests in the evening.
- Bus/van drivers to pick up guests at the library in the late afternoon and bus drivers to drop off guests at the library in the morning.

If you have questions, please call Lynn Ditty (mobile 610-442-3741) or Melissa (mobile 215-808-5867).