

## ***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 Tom, Kelly, Denise and Melissa Devine and Sally Buckley in loving memory of their son, brother, and grandson, Michael Thomas Devine.

**Participants in Today's Services:**

Ushers: (9:45 a.m.) Tom Anderson, Ed & Mary Cronshaw, John & Cindy Parker

Sound System: (8:00 a.m.) Fred Ragains

(9:45 a.m.) Jim Skeans

(11:15 a.m.) Jim Snell

Projection Operator: (11:15 a.m.) 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.

**Electronic Giving** – The instructions to download the app are: Text **wumc app** to 77977 (the space between wumc and app is important). To give electronically: Text **wumc** to 77977.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Outreach Sunday School** – Student Ministries Center
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes** – 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. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 11:00 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.
- 11:15 am Worship Service** – Sanctuary

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

- 7:00 pm Bible Study on Luke** – at the Cohen Home

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018**

- 7:00 am Men’s Study** – Hall’s Family Restaurant
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting** – Library
- 12:00 pm Women Supporting Women** – Franco’s Restaurant
- 2:00 pm Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor
- 6:00 pm Delaware Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Rm - Education Building
- 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting** – Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**

- 11:00 am Weekly Intercessory Prayer** – St. Paul’s Chapel
- 6:00 pm Soup & Bread Dinner & La Caminante Bible Study** – Parlor
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room
- 7:00 pm N.A. Meeting** – Education Building

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018**

- 12:30 pm Martha Circle** – Parlor
- 7:00 pm New Members Class** – Parlor
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018**

- 3:00 pm DSC Dreamers** – Grace Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

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

Sunday: and thank God for this time to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed lives will be changed. Pray for the Youth Bell and Children’s Choirs as they prepare for worship. Ask God to bless each Sunday School Teacher and Student as they learn truth from God’s Word. Pray for the Youth and Youth Leaders as they meet for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we spend time each day in reading the Bible and prayer, we will be growing in grace. Ask God to bless the *Luke* study learning together about Jesus’ earthly ministry.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Study Group as they discuss current issues and their faith. Pray that God would encourage them in their walk of faith. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to keep them in His truth as they serve Him. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they consider how keeping their covenant has increased their faith. Pray for the Trustees as they meet.

Wednesday: and intercede for those going through difficult circumstances in their lives. Pray that God would give them strength and courage to face what lies ahead knowing that He will never leave them nor forsake them. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Gathering as they prepare the work of their hands which will bless those going through hard times. Ask God to bless the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service. Pray for the Evangelism Committee as they meet to look for ways to share the Gospel message with our community. Ask God to bless the Bell Choir and Director as they prepare for worship.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they gather to prepare for worship. Pray for the Steering Committee as they meet to seek God’s direction for Wesley Church. Ask God to bless the Finance Committee as they look for ways to balance the budget. Pray for the Missions Committee as they look for God’s direction in discerning where our Mission support should go.

Friday: that God will strengthen His church, the body of Christ, to be a light in the world. Pray for those in authority to be people of integrity and honesty. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to those seeking to unify our country.

Saturday: for those still recovering from natural disasters. Pray that the resources needed will be available for rebuilding. Ask God to bless the Mama Tola School in Congo and make it a blessing to all the students.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray that God’s Word will be read and proclaimed all around the world.

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. Pastors Amy Yarnall & Wayne Grier 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:** Carol, DM, Ellen, George, Nancy, Pat, Tim, Todd, Jon Andrews, Sarah Barlow, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Barbara Berry, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Patsy Brown, Amy Conroy, Caroline Davis, Arthur Devine, Bernie Floriani, Carol Geiger, Vi Glanden, Doug Grieb, Mary Huston, John Kelly, Pat Kelly, Al Lambertson, Sara Lyon, John Marine, Bill Moor, Alberto Moran, Pam Nichols, Judi Niezgod, Tina Panek, Doris Rowlinson, Anton Romano, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, Aimee Snell, David Snell, Shirley & Walter Still, Debbie Taylor, Steve Townley, the Tucker family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., Brian Wasko, 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 and Kyle Smith.**

Also, those who are in basic training and boot camp **Dakota Palchik and Steven Yurchison.**

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

**Announcements**

**Welcome:** Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope that you have felt God's love in a new way. Following the worship service we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee or juice and a cookie or two, in Grace Fellowship Hall. If you are a first time visitor, please let one of the ushers know, we would like for you to have a welcome bag. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

**Friendly Calendar Reminder** – Numerous meetings are held daily at Wesley. To avoid conflicts with scheduling, 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.

**Needed Ushers and Greeters** – If you would like to volunteer, please call Fran Deats, 302-734-7010, or the church office, 302-678-9626, to be a greeter. Thank you!

**Flower and Greeter Calendars for 2019** are posted in the hallway. Please take time to sign-up for altar flowers or to be a greeter on Sunday mornings.

**The Clothing Closet** is in need of winter coats for men, women, and children. We would like to thank everyone for their donations over the past year. Your donations have helped us clothe over 500 adults and 200 children. Our Saturday sales have helped us aid many local organizations.

**Strategic Planning & Annual Leadership Training, January 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** – This year, the Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee will again host the leadership training for all current and incoming leaders, in Grace Fellowship Hall. Our time together will focus upon our strategic plan. Additional resources for leadership orientation and communication will also be provided. Light refreshment will be offered. As we walk into God's future for us, your presence is vital. Will you please mark your calendar now and plan to attend? Striving to be faithful, Pastor Amy.

**Church History Booklet** – Have you purchased and picked up the newest publication of the history of Methodism and Wesley Church? The 240<sup>th</sup> committee undertook the challenge of publishing an updated booklet complete with pictures and memoirs of past and present ministers for our 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Booklets are available for \$13.00 in the church office.

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN:** Are you interested in developing closer relationships with other women who want to support and nurture one another? Join us **Tuesday, January 15<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.

**Bible Study Leader for State Street Assisted Living:** Residents at State Street are inviting Wesley to lead a Bible study for residents. Timing is either Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10 am. The study is for folks who have clear mental faculties and want to grow in their faith. Target time frame: Lent study beginning the week of March 5, 2019. If you are interested in learning more about leading this and/or would like to receive training to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Amy.

**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.

**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. Please join us! 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.

**Bible Study** — 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 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

**Theme for 2019:** This year, Wesley Church will focus on the theme of Mind, Body, and Soul. Look for a series of programs and events throughout the year to encourage a healthier you - emotionally, physically and spiritually. Ideas we have in mind include a series of lectures on various topics, information on healthy eating, programs on yoga, mindfulness, and prayer, and a Lenten checklist.

If you have a topic you are interested in, would like to help, or have any ideas, please reach out to Donna Josefowski at 697-6210 or [djosefowski@gmail.com](mailto:djosefowski@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATES:** We have an exciting and faith-filled year coming in 2019, and we invite you to become a part of the happenings. Please hold the following dates and prayerfully considering coming to hear what is going on for next year –

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm:** Church Council on Strategic Planning: All Church Council meetings are open to everyone, and you are invited to hear our guest Glenn Catley talk about vision and alignment of our mission and organization.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm:** Leadership Training: Designed for those in or taking new leadership roles, this evening will cover some of the initiatives we have going on, as well as practical knowledge on safety, building access, expenses, and what additional training is available.

**February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm:** Intergenerational Communication - Jack Shitama will be our facilitator on learning how different generations communicate and how we can communicate better. Dinner will be provided.