

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 are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Walter "Skip" C. Kellen, III, on his birthday. Given in love by Amy Kellen.

Participants in Today's Services:

Greeters: Carol Gambone & Mark Butler

Ushers: (9:45 am) Tom Anderson, Dan & Tina Cahall, Dan & Helene Zeman

Sound System: (8:00 am) Fred Ragains, (9:45 am) Jim Skeans,
(11:15 am)

Projection Operator: (9:45 am) Nancy Franks, (11:15 am) 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.



**NEW
PROCEDURE**

Prayer Card Request – Please fill out your prayer card request and turn in to an usher prior to the beginning of announcements. The ushers will hand them to Pastor Amy during the announcements for her to read. If you do not want your request read, please put them in the offering plate when passed.

March 10, 2019

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 10, 2018

- 8:00 am** **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 8:45 am** **Outreach Sunday School** – Student Ministries Center
- 8:45 am** **Adult Sunday School Classes** – Education Building
- 9:45 am** **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 9:45 am** **Children’s Sunday School** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 3:00 pm** **Youth Group** – Student Ministries Center
- 4:30 pm** **Mindful Journaling** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm** **Yoga** – Student Ministries Center
- 5:30 pm** **Parenting Classes** – Grace Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, March 11, 2018

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

TUESDAY, March 12, 2018

- 7:00 am** **Men’s Study** – Search Classroom - Education Building
- 9:30 am** **Staff Meeting** – Library
- 2:00 pm** **Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor
- 3:00 pm** **Clergy Gathering** – Student Ministry Center
- 5:00 pm** **Youth Group Dinner Gathering** – Grottos in Camden
- 6:00 pm** **Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Classroom - Education Building
- 7:00 pm** **Delaware Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm** **Barbara Circle** – Anna Hanby’s Home

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2018

- 1:00 pm** **Rosemary Circle** – Luther Towers Building #1
- 6:00 pm** **N.A. Meeting** – Search Classroom - Education Building
- 6:00 pm** **Soup & Bread Dinner & La Caminante Bible Study** – Parlor
- 6:30 pm** **Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room
- 7:00 pm** **Christian Education Meeting** – Library
- 7:00 pm** **Lenten Bible Study** – Student Ministries Center

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March 10 - March 17, 2019

Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and praise God, Who created the world by His spoken word. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed today, truth will be heard. Pray for the Children’s Choir and Director as they learn songs of praise. Ask God to bless the Sunday School Teachers and Students as they learn from God’s Word. Pray for the Youth and Youth Leaders as they meet for fun and learning. Pray for the Mindful Journaling Class and the Parenting Class to be a blessing to all who participate.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible daily we will have a better understanding of the attributes of God. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they meet. Ask God to bless the Monday night Bible Study on *Luke* as they learn more about Jesus.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Study Group as they learn from Max Lucado’s *He Chose the Nails*. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to reveal Himself to them more and more. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they share how they have kept their covenant and grown in their faith.

Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they continue to know Jesus better through the Beth Moore study of *Jesus, the One and Only*. Pray and intercede for those who are in need of prayer. Thank God that He always hears and answers. Pray for the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante to bless our Spanish speaking friends. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director as they prepare for worship. Pray for the Christian Education Committee as they meet. Ask God to bless the Lenten Study as they learn from *Five Means of Grace: Experience God’s Love the Wesleyan Way*.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they gather to prepare for worship. Pray for the Church and Society Committee as they meet.

Friday: for those in authority over us both in the secular world and in the church. Pray that God would give them wisdom and discernment, and continue to reveal His truth to them enabling them to serve well. Pray for God’s protection for first responders and our military.

Saturday: for people living in poverty around the world. Ask God to give us wisdom and discernment as we look for solutions. Pray that assets that have been given will be used wisely and will be the beginning of a better life for many.

Sunday: and clear our hearts and minds of all distraction so that we might worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray that as we participate in the Sacrament of Communion we will rejoice that we are a forgiven people.

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 if you are in the hospital, please call the church office. Pastors Amy Yarnall & Wayne Grier visit our members and friends in the hospitals as needs arise. 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 do not depend on the hospital list to be your means of communication to the church.

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: BC, Carol, Chip, DM, Ellen, George, Nancy, Pat, Tim, Todd, Trevor, Carolyn Apple, Sarah Barlow, Lovedy Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, John Clark, Amy Conroy, Ricky Daniels, April Doyle, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, Carol Geiger, Vi Glanden, Lucas Hardy, Ed Hazlett, Bonnie Henry, Mary Huston, Betty Jo Jones, Kristen Jones, Merry Jones, John Kelly, Pat Kelly, Al Lambertson, Anna Mae Lotz, Alberto Moran, Joyce Oliphant, Tina Panek, Linda Prewitt, Anton Romano, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, David Snell, Debbie Taylor, Steve Townley, the Tucker family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., Brian Wasko, Eileen Wells, Chris White and the family of Jerry Spangler.



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

THURSDAY, March 14, 2018

- 12:30 pm** **Martha Circle** – Parlor
- 1:00 pm** **Mary Circle** – Dover Place- Bistro Room
- 7:00 pm** **Sylvia Circle** – Helene Zeman’s Home
- 7:00 pm** **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 7:00 pm** **Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

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 facility scheduling, it is important that you call the church office at 678-9626 when making your plans (i.e., a meeting, luncheon, wedding, etc.).

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.

Thank You! I would like to thank my church family for your thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards and visits during my surgery. I greatly appreciate your caring. God bless you all. ~Anna Hanby

Note of Thanks- To all our friends at Wesley, our sincere thanks for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers during Bonnie’s recent surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of Wesley Church. ~Bonnie & Bernie Henry.

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN: Are you interested in developing closer relationships with other women who want to support and nurture one another? Join Cindy Parker for lunch **Tuesday, March 19th, at 12 p.m.** (noon), at Franco’s Restaurant 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.

Worship Design Team for Easter: Want to be a part of making the Easter season special? Join our new worship design team and work with Pastor Amy to plan the season. Meet 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday's, March 13th & 20th. We will plan worship for Sundays, April 21st - June 9th.

NEEDED: Wesley Church is seeking a drum set player for the Praise Ensemble for the 11:15 am Sunday Worship Service. The Praise Ensemble meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm to rehearse and leads the worship weekly during the 11:15 services. Please contact by email, Praise Leader, Josh Bogus, at jambogus@yahoo.com if you or someone you know is interested in joining this excellent group.

The Search Class — The Search Class is an adult class which meets in the Educational Center on Sundays from 8:45-9:45 am. The group views a sermon by Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the UMC of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, and discussion follows. In March we study "Lessons from Football for the Game of Life." Nothing's better than a winning season and chasing a championship -- in football and in life. But what does it take to get there? What does it really mean to WIN? Join us for inspiration, fellowship, and food as we learn God's answer. All are welcome! March 10: "Teamwork and the 12th Man"; March 17: "Life Lessons from Winning Coaches"; March 24: "The Agony of Defeat"; March 31: "Redefining Victory".

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 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7 am in the Education Building, and on the 3rd Tuesdays at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast. Our Lenten study, ***He Chose the Nails***, is a five-session video Bible study by Max Lucado, in which we examine the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "*I did it just for you.*" All men are welcome! Come join us! — Jim Skeans

Women's Bible Study — Come join us at 9:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parlor as we journey through ***Jesus, The One And Only*** by Beth Moore. Based primarily on the Book of *Luke*, this study is a careful examination of the life of Christ. You will be introduced to an intimate Savior as you get a close-up and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. You'll see Jesus come to a funeral and raise the dead, confront conniving religious leaders, teach on a hillside, and even walk on the waves. If you are interested, please contact Diane Boyce at 302-697-6020, or the church office to order a book.

Lenten Study - Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way. John Wesley began with Three Simple Rules, and followed this instruction a year later with the Five Marks of a Methodist. Wesley observed the need for continuous renewal of relationships with God and others, so he established a recurring annual process for God's people to make One Faithful Promise: The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal. The Lenten study by Heath turns to the practices at the center of Wesley's understanding of spiritual growth: the means of grace. Through this study participants will consider how each of the five means of grace help us as communities of faith to pray more deeply and live more missionally as followers of Jesus Christ. These means are the ordinary channels that God uses to draw us into a fruitful relationship. These five means are: 1. Prayer; 2. Searching Scripture; 3. Receiving the Lord's Supper; 4. Fasting; 5. Conferencing (communion, fellowship).

The Study will be held at the Student Ministries Center on Wednesdays, March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, and 10th at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Mindful Journaling: A 6-week self-exploration study - Through the six weeks of Lent, prepare to dedicate 30 minutes to self-exploration, stress management or quiet time simply to write. Each week there will be a prompt to guide you through an aspect of inner reflection including -- Visualize your best self - What's on your mind? - What's standing in your way? - *Sketchnotes*, based on the work of Sylvia Duckworth - *What's your action plan?* and *How are you feeling?* Mindful Journaling will be led by Wesley Church member, Carol Gambone, and will be held **Sundays, March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th and 14th** from 4:30-5:00 pm in Grace Fellowship Hall prior to Pastor Amy's yoga class. ***Please bring a journal, some pens, yoga mat, a pillow or blanket.***

New Group Forming – "*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good*" – *Genesis 1-31*. Do you enjoy outdoor activities and being emerged in the goodness of God's Creation? Well, this may be an opportunity for you to get outside with fellow Christians to participate in a range of faith-based activities and experiences amid the natural beauty that surrounds us. An exploratory/organizational meeting and dessert will take place at the Parsonage (The Yarnall Residence) at 140 Hazel Road on Friday evening, March 29th at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing formation of a group that may organize a variety of outings such as day hikes, canoe and kayak trips, bike tours, camping and similar pursuits. If you are interested, please plan to join us. Should you have any questions, please contact Mike Petit de Mange via email at mpetitde-mange@comcast.net or by phone at 302-363-4786.