

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 honor of the birth of Owen Christopher Skeans on May 2nd, Grandson of Jim and Pat Skeans, and in honor of Jim and Pat's 46th wedding anniversary today.

Participants in Today's Services:

Greeters: Larry & Donna Josefowski

Ushers: (9:45 am) Tom Anderson, Ed & Mary Cronshaw, Jim & Pat Skeans

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

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.

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.).

May 12, 2019

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 12, 2019

8:00 am **Worship Service – Early Service** – Sanctuary
8:45 am **Adult Sunday School** – Search Classroom – Education Building
8:45 am **Outreach Sunday School** – Student Ministries Center
9:45 am **Worship Service – Traditional 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 – Praise & Worship Service** – Sanctuary

MONDAY, May 13, 2019

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

TUESDAY, May 14, 2019

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
6:00 pm **AI-Anon Meeting** – Search Classroom - Education Building
7:00 pm **Barbara Circle Meeting** – Shirley Mundorf’s home

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2019

9:30 am **Weekly Intercessory Prayer** – St. Paul’s Chapel
6:00 pm **N.A. Meeting** – Search Classroom – Education Building
5:00 pm **VBS Work Night** – Student Ministries Center
6:30 pm **Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room

THURSDAY, May 16, 2019

12:30 pm **Martha Circle Meeting** – Parlor
2:30 pm **Prayer Shawl Gathering - Parlor**
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
7:00 pm **Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

FRIDAY, May 17, 2019

11:00 am **Yoga** – Student Ministries Center

SATURDAY, May 18, 2019

9:00 am **UMW Spring Unit Meeting** – Grace Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm **Youth Group Movie Night** – Student Ministries Center

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Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and thank God for the opportunity to worship together without fear of persecution. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed God’s truth will create hearts of gratitude. Pray for the Children’s Choir and Director learning songs of praise. Ask God to bless each Sunday School Teacher and Student desiring to learn truth from His Word. Pray for the Youth and Youth Leaders as they meet for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we spend time reading and studying the Bible each day we will become more like Christ. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they meet. Ask God to bless the Monday night Bible Study as they learn together from the book of *Luke*.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Study Group as they learn how to share their faith. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to bless them in unexpected ways as they serve Him. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they share how their faith is strengthened by keeping their covenant. Pray for the Youth as they meet for pizza and camaraderie.

Wednesday: and intercede for those in tough places in life. Ask God to minister to their greatest needs and fill them with His peace. Pray that they will experience God’s presence and trust Him with their future. Pray for the Evangelism Committee as they meet to find ways to share Christ with our community. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director meeting to prepare for worship.

Thursday: and praise God. Pray for our Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they gather to prepare for worship. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Committee as they meet to work on projects and prepare shawls for delivery to those in need of them. Ask God to bless those who receive the shawls. Pray for the Steering Committee as they discern God’s direction and leading for Wesley Church. Ask God to bless the Finance Committee as they oversee the finances of the church.

Friday: for those in authority to be people of integrity who respect one another and desire to do what is right and good. Pray that our nation would abandon its idols and worship the one true God.

Saturday: for those people who are still recovering from natural disasters and civil unrest. Pray that God’s people will do all they can to alleviate these conditions. Pray that God would provide opportunities for the Gospel to penetrate unreached people. Ask God to bless the Mama Tola School and keep the students and teachers safe.

Sunday: and clear our hearts and minds of all distractions as we prepare to hear the Word of God read and proclaimed.

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.

Thank You: Jim and I want to thank our church family for their prayers, visits, flowers and cards during my stay in the hospital and rehab. I am home now and improving with every day. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and I hope to see you in church soon. – Jeannette Ferguson

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: Angelo, BC, Bruce, Carol, CM, DM, Ellen, Frank, George, Katie, Leanne, Mary, Nancy, Pat, Tim, Todd, Trevor, Samantha S., Carolyn Apple, Sarah Barlow, Lovedy Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Lou Clendaniel, Amy Conroy, Sylvia Cuevad, Ricky Daniels, Bob Dashiell, Durrell Dolph, April Doyle, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, John Hanlin, Lucas Hardy, Tom Holt, Mary Huston, Betty Jo Jones, Kristen Jones, Merry Jones, John Kelly, Pat Kelly, Betty Jane Knox, Al Lambertson, Sara Lyon, Maureen Miller, Alberto Moran, Joyce Oliphant, Tina Panek, Linda Prewitt, Chip Rau, Doris Redick, Anton Romano, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, David Snell, Debbie Taylor, Steve Towey, the Tucker family, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Di-anne & Mark Vincent, Phillip Wallace, Jr., Phillip Wallace, Sr., Brian Wasko, Georganne Weller, Chelley Williams, Chris White and Jane & Ron Zink.



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.

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.

Flowers are needed for the altar on the following dates: June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and August 4th. Please sign-up on the wall calendar in the hallway. Thanks!

Relaunching 11:15 am Worship: Interested in being a part of something new? Want to see where God is taking the third service? We are planning to re-launch our contemporary intergenerational service. We are having a series of gatherings on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm on May 19th, & 26th, with childcare provided. Bring your ideas, questions, and creative energy. Get to know new people. Come learn, pray, discern with us.



Save the dates for VBS Work Nights: Come and join us as we start preparing for VBS 2019! We will meet in the SMC from 5 pm-7 pm on the following dates: Wednesday, May 15th, 29th Monday, June 3rd, 10th, 24th. Saturday, June 29th, 10 am-1 pm and Sunday, June 30th, 1 pm-4 pm. We will meet on Saturday, July 7th, 10 am-3 pm for set-up. Any questions, please see Joe Young or Amy Kellen. We hope to see you there!

Musical Opportunities – Summer is upon us and the Wesley Music Department is looking for musicians willing to play special music during the 9:45 services June 2nd through September 1st. This is a great opportunity for you to sing or play to God’s glory while the choirs are on summer break. If you are interested in playing or singing special music during the summer, please contact Becky Davis at Becky@wesleyumc-dover.com and she will get in touch with you.



Pentecost Sunday – The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, (June 9th this year) commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. You are invited to wear red clothing this day to celebrate Pentecost. Thanks!

Graduates in 2019 – In order to recognize our students who will be graduating from high school, a technical school or college, please call the church office at 678-9626 or email: mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com to submit the student's name, the school or college they are presently attending and any type of degree that they have achieved, along with their parents' names. The deadline is this Wednesday, May 15th, 2019. We'd also like to know future plans if appropriate. Graduates and Wesley Church Scholarships Awardees will be honored at the 9:45 am Worship Service on June 2nd.

Camp Pecometh Campers and Parents – We hope our youth will consider going to Camp this summer. The information below will help. Plan ahead to sign your campers up for Summer Camp 2019 at Pecometh. There they will "Power Up" with the Holy Spirit and take advantage of the many great programs offered, including some new surprises for this year. A week of camp is filled with faith, fun and fellowship for children and youth to grow in their spiritual journey. Regardless of the age, campers make memories for a lifetime and come back year after year. We offer a variety of programs for campers of all ages. Please call 302-674-0508 or email me sjv37@comcast.net, if you have any questions. ~ Blessings, Sally Verma

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.

Yoga Classes – Sunday yoga has taken a break, Friday chair yoga will continue meeting until May 24th at 11 am in the SMC and will take a break. New session dates for Friday and Sunday Yoga will be announced in July.

The Search Class – The Search Class is an adult Sunday School Class which meets in the rear, first floor 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, followed with a group discussion of the sermon. May 12th, The Final Words; May 19th, Easter Sermon. All are welcome!

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 pm.

Tuesday Men's Study – We currently are looking at excerpts from the book *Cold Case Christianity*. Christianity could be defined as a "cold case": it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, *Cold-Case Christianity* inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity. 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. All men are welcome! – Jim Skeans

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. These are displayed across from the kitchen in the corner by the two chairs. Please make your checks payable to Wesley UMC, memo line: Fair Trade products. These products will be available on a continuing basis. www.interfaith.equalexchange.com.