

**Saturday:** for those affected by natural disasters to have hope for the future. Pray for those offering aid in the Bahamas to be wise as they seek to minister to so many people who have lost everything. Ask God to provide unexpected help so that progress can be made in a timely manner. Pray for the Mama Tola School teachers and students.

**Sunday:** and prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed, God's Word will go deep and produce change.

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.

## 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 and in honor of Brian's birthday today, by the Wasko family.

**The Memorial Rose** on the Chancel this morning is in memory of Ronald Tietbohl, a member of Wesley Church, whose death occurred Sunday, September 8, 2019.

### **Participants in Today's Services:**

**Ushers:** (9:45 am) Tom Anderson, Ralph & Fran Deats, Jim & Pat Skeans

**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.

**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.

September 15, 2019  
**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, September 15, 2019**

8:00 am Worship Service – Sanctuary  
8:30 - 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.  
8:45 am Adult Sunday School – Search Class Room – Education Building  
8:45 am Outreach Sunday School – Student Ministries Center  
9:45 am Worship Service – Sanctuary  
9:45 am Children’s (PreK - 4th grade) Sunday School – Grace Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am Middle School (grades 5- 8) Sunday School – Education Building  
9:45 am Senior High Sunday School – Parlor  
11:00 am Youth Bell Choir – Bell Choir Room  
11:15 am Worship Service – Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Youth Group – Student Ministries Center  
6:30 pm Financial Planning University – Grace Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, September 16, 2018**

7:00 pm Bible Study – *The Holy Spirit* – at the Cohen’s Home, 121 Kurt Dr.

**TUESDAY, September 17, 2018**

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study – Hall’s Restaurant, Wyoming  
9:30 am Staff Meeting – Library  
12:00 pm Women Supporting Women – Bob Evans Restaurant, Camden  
2:00 pm Women’s Covenant – Parlor  
5:00 pm Youth Group Dinner – Grotto’s, Camden  
6:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting – Search Classroom – Education Building  
7:00 pm Delaware Choral Society – Grace Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting – Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, September 18, 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  
5:30 pm La Caminante Spanish Service – Parlor  
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room

**THURSDAY, September 19, 2018**

12:30 pm Martha Circle – Parlor  
2:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor  
5:30 pm Steering Committee – Library  
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting – Library  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

September 15, 2019

**September 15 – September 22, 2019  
Let Us Pray....**

**Sunday:** and praise God, Who has “removed our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.” Pray that as we worship today the joy of God’s salvation will be in our hearts and on our minds. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students learning together. Ask God to bless the Youth Bell Choir and Director as they learn songs of praise. Pray for the Youth as they gather for fun and learning. Ask God to bless those attending the Financial Peace University as they put into practice what they will learn.

**Monday:** that as we read and study the Bible our appreciation of Christ’s perfect righteousness being imputed to us grow. Pray for the Monday night Bible Study as they begin to explore the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Word of God.

**Tuesday:** for the Men’s Study Group as they meet for breakfast. Pray that they will hold one another accountable to living by God’s Word as they fellowship and learn together. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to bless them in unexpected way this week. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to the Trustees as they meet.

**Wednesday:** for the Women’s Bible Study as they begin to learn more about God dwelling in our hearts. Pray and intercede for those in need asking God to heal the sick, comfort the grieving, protect and provide safe haven for the abused, give times of respite to the chronically ill, give glimpses of heaven to the terminally ill, heal broken relationship and restore marriages, give wisdom to parents with rebellious children, set free those caught in an addiction, etc. Pray for the Evangelism Committee as they meet to discern ways to share the Gospel with our community.

**Thursday:** for the Organist, Chancel Choir, Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they gather to prepare for worship. Pray for the Prayer Shawl Ministry as they meet. Ask God to bless each recipient and all those who created the shawls. Ask god to give wisdom to the Steering Committee as they look for His will for Wesley Church. Pray for the Finance Committee as they but together a budget for next year.

**Friday:** for the church, the body of Christ, to be a strong presence around the world. Pray for protection for those who live in places where Christians are persecuted. Ask God to keep us ready to share the Gospel with any who would ask us about the hope we have.

**SPICE SERVANTS NEEDED:** What is SPICE? Our purpose is to: **S**erve, **P**rovide, **I**nspire, **C**are, and **E**ncourage those grieving, by preparing and serving a meal after the funeral service. The SPICE Ministry is a service we lovingly provide for families of Wesley Church. We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry, either through the preparation of food for the meal or through the setting up, serving, and cleaning up of the meal. Our plan is to have two or three teams so our volunteers won't need to help often. If you would like to sign up to help on one of our teams, please contact Mary Ann Evans @ (302) 653-6900 or [maeinou@yahoo.com](mailto:maeinou@yahoo.com) or Donna Josefowski @ (302) 697-6210 or [djosefowski@gmail.com](mailto:djosefowski@gmail.com).

**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 attendee, 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](mailto:ddboyce61@comcast.net). Please send specific prayer requests to: [pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com). Please sign the prayer card so we can follow up on their progress. If you know/placed a person on the prayer list, please contact us periodically with an update on them.

**Please help keep Wesley's Prayer list current:** Please accept our apologies if we have removed a loved one from our prayer list. We will gladly put their name back on the list if they are still in need of our prayers. Please call the church office to have a name put in the bulletin.

**Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer:** Caroline, Cody, Erica, Greg, Michael, Tim, Carolyn Apple, Marty Berny, Lisa Charbonneau, Mary Davis, Lynn Egloff, Patty Field, Karen Flower, Ron Flower, Leona Hutchins, John Kelly, Sara Lyon, Katarina Mahoney, Maureen Miller, Todd Riddleberger, Marylyn Schaeffler, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, David Snell, Neil Thomas, Jessica Turpin, Georganne Weller, Chelley Williams, Gigi Windley, Ray Yarnall, Sr., Jane Zink and the families of Ron Tietbolh and Shain Massi.

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: **Charles Pettit and Jake Simpson.** Please notify the Church Office if your family member/friend is no longer serving overseas.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Friendly Calendar Reminder:** Numerous meetings are held daily in all our buildings here 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 schedule with the church office @ 678-9626. Thank you!

**LOVE OFFERING:** Eddie McDonald, janitor at Wesley for over 30 years, will be retiring. We would like to present Eddie with a "Love Gift". If you are interested in contributing, please make your check payable to Wesley UMC with the notation "Eddie's Gift" in the lower left corner of the check. Please place in offering plate or mail to the church office. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATES - Financial Peace University** is coming this fall. Sundays, September 15<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Pastor Amy and Jesse Mayan, a veteran of FPU, will be facilitating this class. Participants must purchase their own workbook. You may register by using this link: [fpu.com/1091509](http://fpu.com/1091509). Childcare available. Open to the community - please spread the word.

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN:** Interested in developing closer relationships with other women who want to support and nurture one another? Join us for lunch once a month for food, conversation and relaxation. No agenda other than getting to know each other in a relaxed environment. If you're interested in attending, please contact Cindy Parker at 302-678-0353. This month's venue is Bob Evans Restaurant in Camden

**Calling all crotchetters and knitters!!** The Wesley Prayer Shawl gathering will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the parlor. We welcome existing and new members. If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, we would be happy to teach you...we even have hooks and needles for you to use.

**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, as well as additional church leaders who vary each week.

**Youth Bell Choir** Pat Root, our new Youth Bell Choir director, will hold rehearsals from 11:00 - 11:30 am every Sunday morning, directly after the 9:45 am worship service. Rehearsals will begin with a snack and will commence in the Bell Choir room. Participants must be fourth grade through high school. The ability to read music will be helpful, but there will be instruction on how to read music during rehearsals so this is not a required skill. We welcome high school musicians with music reading abilities to come and help train the younger kids. Come join the fun and praise God with music!

**Search Class** is for adults who want to learn and be a part of a loving, accepting group. The class meets in the back of the Educational Center on the main floor Sundays 8:45 - 9:40 am. Once again we'll watch videos and respond to sermons of Rev. Adam Hamilton of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The September series is "This is Us: Creating Strong and Beautiful Families." Families come in all shapes and sizes. Some we're born into; some we choose. But no family is perfect. The Bible offers important guidance for raising our children and honoring our parents. Scripture is also filled with lessons from flawed families who, just like us, don't always get it right.

September 15<sup>th</sup>: The Care and Nurture of Mothers  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Respect, Selfless Love, and Grace.

**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 Holy Spirit*, on Mondays, from 7 – 8:30 pm, beginning on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Bible Study – Renovate: Building a Life with God**, by Jacob Armstrong. "Renovating a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. But the act of renovation can often leave the house in a state of disarray, causing stress and frustration. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the "old you" and creating a "new you" with an improved heart. It's not going to be easy, and your life might experience some disarray, but renovating with God is the opportunity of a lifetime." Come join us at 7 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in the Education Building, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast.

**Women's Bible Study** — All are welcome to join us, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Please let Diane Boyce, 302-670-4059, know if you plan to attend so that we can have a book for you. We hope to see you there!

**The United Methodist Men** would like to challenge Wesley Church to contribute towards the relief efforts after Hurricane Dorian. We've all seen the pictures of the devastation, and much help is needed. Wesley United Methodist Men voted to donate \$500 to the Hurricane relief effort, and asks all to contribute towards the relief effort. If you are interested in the United Methodist Men's group, please contact James Turner at (302) 674-2591.

**Pastor Amy going to Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute:  
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW:  
THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The United Methodist Church is at a crossroads. For forty-eight years United Methodists have been in conflict over the official position of the denomination regarding God's welcome of, and how the church will be in ministry with, LGBTQ persons. 2020 will be a defining year for the UMC as General Conference seeks to come to a resolution of the conflict. What will this mean for your church? For the future of United Methodism?

Leadership Institute 2019 is aimed at helping United Methodist leaders navigate and lead through the next steps for the denomination.

September 25–27, 2019, Pastor Amy will attend this historic and important gathering as we seek to help shape the future together, in the power of the Spirit



**Fall 2019 Youth Group Schedule** — For all scheduled events we will meet at the Student Ministry Center, unless otherwise noted!

Dates and times are subject to change! Please keep watch for emails, Facebook posts, and posts on the website for updates!

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3 - 5 pm — Fall Youth Group begins, Parent Meeting!

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm — Youth Group Pizza Night, Grottos, Camden

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3 - 5 pm — Game Night

**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 displayed next to the kitchen in the corner by the two chairs. These products will be available on a continuing basis, Price listing is on the rack. Checks should be made out to WUMC, memo line- Fair Trade.