

Saturday: that the Community Meal today will be a blessing to our guests as well as to those who will prepare, serve, and clean up afterward. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with some of the guests. Pray for those affected by the recent hurricane to be able to recover quickly. Ask God to bless and protect the students and teachers of the Mama Tola School.

Sunday: and clear our hearts and minds of all distractions so that we can worship God in spirit and in truth. Pray for the Financial Peace University meeting to be a wonderful learning experience for all in attendance. Pray they will be able to put into practice what they will learn.

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 by the Jim & Diana Curtis to the Glory of God.

The Memorial Rose on the Chancel this morning is in memory of Vivian B. Clow, a member of Wesley Church, whose death occurred Friday, August 27, 2019.

Participants in Today's Services:

Ushers: (9:45 am) Tom Anderson, Ed & Mary Cronshaw, James Turner

Sound System: (8:00 am) Fred Ragains, (9:45 am) Don Knox
(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 8, 2019
CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019

8:00 am **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
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
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.
11:00 am **Youth Bell Choir** – Bell Choir Room
11:15 am **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
1:00 pm **Annual Church Picnic** – Legislative Mall

MONDAY, September 9, 2019

6:00 pm **DSU Dreamers** – Student Ministries Center
7:00 pm **United Methodist Men’s Meeting** – Grace Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, September 10, 2019

7:00 am **Men’s Bible Study** – Search Class Room – Education Building
9:30 am **Staff Meeting** – Library
2:00 pm **Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor
6:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room – Education Building
7:00 pm **Delaware Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm **Barbara Circle Meeting** – Home of Fran Deats

WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2019

9:30 am **Intercessory Prayer**
1:00 pm **Rosemary Circle Meeting** – Luther Towers, Bldg. #1
5:30 pm **Lay Reader Training** – Sanctuary
6:30 pm **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Choir Room
7:00 pm **N.A. Meeting** – Education Building

THURSDAY, September 12, 2019

1:00 pm **Mary Circle Meeting** – Dover Place
5:30 pm **Church & Society Meeting** – Parlor
5:30 pm **Amazing Chase Challenge** – Sanctuary
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
7:00 pm **Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
7:00 pm **Sylvia Circle Meeting** – Home of Helene Zeman

FRIDAY, September 13, 2019

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

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Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and thank God for calling us out of darkness into His wonderful light and making us His children. Pray that as Scripture is read and proclaimed God’s truth will go deep and take root. Pray for the Sunday School Teachers and Students to desire to know God’s truth. Ask God to bless the Youth Bell and Children’s Choirs and Directors as they learn songs of praise. Pray for the Annual Church Picnic to be enjoyed by all in attendance.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible every day, we will reflect more brightly the love of Christ to the world around us. Pray for the United Methodist Men as they meet. Pray that more young men of the church will be interested in joining this group.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Study Group as they meet to encourage one another in their walk of faith. Pray that as they learn they will hold one another accountable to living by God’s truth. Pray for the Staff as they meet to plan for worship. Ask God to bless each one with His peace and joy. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they meet. Pray for Barbara Circle as they meet.

Wednesday: and intercede for those going through difficult circumstances. Ask God to meet their greatest need, to fill them with His peace, to give them courage for each day, and to fill them with hope for tomorrow. Pray that they will completely trust God with their future. Pray for Rosemary Circle as they meet.

Thursday: for the Praise & Worship Ensemble and Leader as they gather to prepare for worship. Thank God for them and for their willingness to share with us the talent that God has given them. Pray for the Church and Society Committee as they meet. Pray for Sylvia and Mary Circles as they meet.

Friday: for a great revival among God’s people that will cause us to love Christ more than anything else. Pray that the church, the body of Christ, will be strong in the face of persecution. Ask God to give wisdom to those in authority and help them see the long term effects of what they do now.

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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 or Donna Josefowski @ (302) 697-6210 or 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. Please send specific prayer requests to: 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, 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, Jane Zink and the families of Vivian Clow and Sara Barlow.

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!



Lay Reader Training: September 11th at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Charles Martin and Pastor Amy will go over the procedures for Sunday mornings. Please mark your calendar.

SAVE THE DATES - Financial Peace University is coming this fall. Sundays, September 15th - November 10th, 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. Childcare available. Open to the community - please spread the word.

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. Class to be held on Wednesday evenings in the Student Ministries Center at 7 p.m. on the following dates: October 9th, October 16th, October 30th and November 6th. Call the church office 302-678-9626 to sign up and for more information about the classes.

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!

Youth Bell Choir Will Resume: Beginning on Sunday, September 8th there will be some changes to the 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 8th: Becoming Great Dads and Caring Kids

September 15th: The Care and Nurture of Mothers

September 22nd: 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 16th.

Men's Bible Study – Tuesday, September 10th at 7 am we will begin studying **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 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Education Building, and on the 3rd Tuesday at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast.

Women's Bible Study: The group will meet again on Wednesday, September 11th at 9:30 am in the Parlor. Thank you - *Diane Boyce*

Calling all crocheters and knitters!! The Wesley Prayer Shawl gathering will be on Thursday, September 19 at 2:30 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.

**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 8th @ 1 - 4 pm — Church Annual Picnic @ Legislative Mall

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

Tuesday, September 17th @ 5 pm — Youth Group Pizza Night, Grottos, Camden

Sunday, September 22nd @ 3 - 5 pm — Game Night

Sunday, September 29th @ 5 pm — The 11:15 Re-Launch Worship Service, Grace Fellowship Hall

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate & Olive Oil for sale: You are invited to bless farmers and artisans around the world by purchasing fair trade products displayed in the hallway on the Baker's Rack. These products will be available on a continuing basis. www.interfaith.equalexchange.com.