

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 by Bob and Ruth Ferguson.

Participants in Today's Services:

Pastors: Amy D. Yarnall & Jewett M. Short

Organist: David E. Wilkins

Ushers: (9:45 a.m.) Tom Anderson, Jonathan & Louise Andrews,
James Turner, Pat Nichols

Sound System: (8:00 a.m.) Brian Wasko

(9:45 a.m.) Tony Asti

(11:15 a.m.) Joe Young

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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes** – Education Building & Parlor
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Outreach Sunday School** – Student Ministries Center
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. 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 a.m. Worship Service** – Sanctuary
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Group** – Student Ministry Center
- 6:00 p.m. DCS Outreach Choir** – Choir Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

- 1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting** – Parlor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study** – Education Building, Search Classroom
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting** – Library
- 2:00 p.m. Women’s Covenant Discipleship Meeting** – Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. DE Choral Society** – Grace Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study** – Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Weekly Intercessory Prayer** – St. Paul’s Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Love & Logic Parenting Class** – Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Dinner** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Bell Room
- 6:30 p.m. La Caminante Spanish Service** – St. Paul’s Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting** – Grace Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting** – Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

- 1:00 p.m. Mary Circle – Dover Place** – Bistro Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Circle** – Helene Zeman’s Home

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting** – Search Class Room - Education Building
- 11:15 a.m. Small Group Study** – Grace Fellowship Hall & Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Community Meal** – Grace Fellowship Hall

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Let Us Pray....

Sunday: and praise God, Who is Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty. Pray for those worshipping here today to have open ears to hear God’s truth. Ask God to bless the Tone Chime and Children’s Choirs and Directors learning songs of praise. Pray for each Sunday School Teacher and Student to learn truth from the Word of God. Pray for the Confirmation Class as they prepare to join the church. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they gather for fun and learning.

Monday: that as we read and study the Bible daily we will have a more accurate picture of God and of ourselves. Pray for the United Methodist Women’s Board as they meet.

Tuesday: for the Men’s Bible Study as they meet. Pray that they would spur one another on to greater devotion to God. Pray for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to bless them in unexpected ways this week. Pray for the Women’s Covenant Discipleship Group as they share ways they have grown in their faith. Ask God to bless the Nominations and Lay Development Committee with discernment as they ask people to serve on the committees of the church.

Wednesday: for the Women’s Bible Study as they learn to live in Christ through their study of *Philippians*. Intercede for those who are sick, grieving, abused, facing marital or child rearing challenges, caught in an addiction, etc. Ask God to fill them with His peace, give them courage for each day, and bring healing and wholeness to their lives. Pray for the Soup & Bread Meal and La Caminante Service to be a wonderful time of fellowship and worship. Pray for the Parenting Class as they learn God’s ways of instruction and discipline. Ask God to bless the Christian Education Committee as they meet. Pray for the Bell Choir and Director preparing for worship.

Thursday: for our Organist, Chancel Choir, and Director, Praise & Worship Ensemble, and Leader as they prepare for worship. Pray for the Church and Society Committee as they meet to discern how the church can be a light in our community.

Friday: for those in authority to be given wisdom and discernment to govern. Pray for our military to be protected and to have victory over the enemy. Pray for people living in unsafe and dangerous places to have their needs met.

Saturday: for the *Living the Five Bible Study* as they deepen their relationship with Christ. Ask God to bless our guests at the Second Saturday Meal as well as those who prepare and serve the food and clean up after. Pray for the Mama Tola School children and staff.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts to worship God, Who loves us more than we are able to comprehend.

Pray for our Pastors every day. Ask God to fill them 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 & Jewett Short and Sigrid Mills 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.



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.

Tom Pratt, Sam Slate, Kyle Smith and Patrick Stamas.

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

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: Alex, Jackie G., Jean C., Jessica, Kathy, Mark, Paul, Trevor, Wilma & Dan, Jon Andrews, Leonard Barnhart, Harry & Lou Baxter, Emory Berkley, Abigail & Ed Bickham, Thurman Bruffey, Michael Cantino, Peter Chippie, Dee Coffey, Conrad Cohen, Joan Collins, Margaret Courtney, Arthur Devine, Mary Jo Faust, Bernie Floriani, Karen Flower, Donna Forgash, Carol Geiger, Eva Goodrich-Moore, Frances Goodrich, Mary Hill, Jean Hitchens, John Hotchkiss, Mary Huston, Candice Joynes, Ruth Lauter, Kathy Layton, Gayle Lewis,

Sam Lockard, Sara Lyons, Alberto Moran, Bob Mercer, Sigrid Mills, Jennifer Moore, Tom Olsen, Jim Orth, Cyndi Rees, Danny Robinson, Anton Romano, Ed Rowlinson, James Schindler, Patrick Simons, Margaret Slaughter, Linda Smith, Charlotte Spence, Owen Spivey, Debbie Taylor, Tyler Trego, Mark Urian, Matt Vaughn, Juan Vivó, Marguerite Webb, Cathy Woodhouse, John Zimmerman and the families of Lillian Alford (niece of Janet Krauss) and Bill McKee.

Announcements

Welcome: Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope that you have felt God's love in a new way. If you are a first time visitor, please let one of the ushers know; we would like for you to have a welcome bag. Following the 8 & 9:45 a.m. worship services we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee or juice, and a cookie or two in Grace Fellowship Hall. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye: Jamie, Jim, Jr., and Joy tell us their parents, Jeannette and Jim Ferguson, will celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary on February 5th. Congratulations, Mom and Dad! We Love You!

70th Wedding Anniversary! One of our former pastors and his wife are celebrating their 70th Anniversary on Valentines Day. Bill Hemphill was our senior pastor from 1962-1969. If you are able to send them a card, that would be wonderful. Rev. & Mrs. William Hemphill, 655 Willow Valley Square, Apt L202, Lancaster, PA 17602.

240th Anniversary Fun Fact: DID YOU KNOW... that Methodism in the United States dates back to 1736 when John and Charles Wesley came to the New World to spread the movement they had begun as students in England?

240th Anniversary Committee: Our 240th Anniversary Committee has been busy doing presentations in the local community speaking on the significance of Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover's history, as well as today. Committee members, Ann Baker Horsey and Tom Welch recently spoke to the Dover Downtown Rotary Club and will be speaking to the Colonial Rotary Club next week. If you know a local organization who would be interested in hearing more, please contact the church office at 302-678-9626.

Attention, Collectors — The 240th Anniversary Committee is organizing to celebrate Wesley Church's birthday throughout 2018. Have you collected memorabilia about the church, such as plates, photos, letters, Sunday School pins, documents, and articles, that you would like to share? If so, please bring the items to the church office or call Connie Strickland (678-0685) to pick up. Donna Josefowski is scanning photos showing church events in the church's website (wesleyumc-dover.com). Please contact her to lend your pictures: (djosefowski@gmail.com or 697-6210). If already digital, they can be e-mailed to Donna as well. The photos can then be shared on Wesley's Facebook Page and saved for our records.

Smart Phone App and Electronic Giving — Download our smart phone app and stay up-to-date with the sermons on video, events, the calendar, electronic giving and more. The instructions to download the app are: Text **wumc app** to **77977** (the space between wumc and app is important).

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Flower and Greeter Calendars for 2018 – On Sunday morning take time to stop in the hallway to sign-up for one of these ministries, or, call the church office.

Ushers Needed – If you would like to volunteer, please call Fran Deats, 302-734-7010. Thank you!

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

Coffee/Fellowship Volunteers are needed to serve during the coffee/fellowship time on the 3rd and 4th Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, please contact Jim Yerger at 302-736-6115. Thanks!

Chamber of Commerce Social: Our church is hosting the Chamber of Commerce February Social on **Wednesday, February 28th from 5 to 7 p.m.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for the community to see Wesley Church. We are looking for volunteers that evening to help out - set up, providing hot and/or cold hors d'oeuvres, and beverages, helping to greet our visitors, serving the snacks, and clean-up. An email with all of the details will sent out. Our members are encouraged to attend as well.

Annual Cold Weather Gear – The Wesley UMC winter clothing drive is now underway. Bins are located on the stage in Grace Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring only new items to donate: gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. These items will be distributed monthly to local children by the United Methodist Women. Thank you in advance for your continued support in this ministry.

Helping Hands are needed! Hop on board the **Meal Train** for the Wesley UMC Shelter (Code Purple).

Wesley UMC Shelter: Your donations and food preparation are essential to the success of our ministry to our guests. If you would like to sign up for a Wednesday or Thursday meal, you may do so at the following link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4dv5d6>.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 14, 2018, Service of Ashes at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will be in the Sanctuary.

Lent Contemplative Prayer and Meditation Service – Wednesdays at noon come to the St. Paul's Chapel for a 30 minute time of reflection, silent prayer, and meditation. No experience required; beginners encouraged. Pastor Amy will lead you in ways of praying. February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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Join the Search Class – An adult class which meets in the Search Classroom at the back of the Educational Building on Sundays from 8:45 - 9:40 a.m. Come for coffee, tea, and something sweet, and watch sermons by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the UMC of the Resurrection, Kansas City. The videos always inspire thought-provoking discussion. We hope to see you there!

Men's Bible Study – Come join us on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7 a.m. in the Education Building, and on the 3rd Tuesdays at Hall's Restaurant for breakfast. Watch for the starting date of our new study *Making Sense of the Bible*. Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

Women's Bible Study – Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Our Study is *To Live Is Christ: The Book of Philippians*. It is an eight-week, verse-by-verse study on the book of *Philippians*. The Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians has been the foundation for a life of contentment and joy to all who have embraced its message over the generations. We will learn how to rise above the circumstances of life, experience joy amidst adversity, and live with Christ at the center of our lives. Please contact Diane Boyce, 697-6020, if you are interested in this class. Study books are \$10.00.

NEW SMALL GROUP – Join leader John Damron on Saturday mornings from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. Come early; there will be food served each week, as we begin this newly-formed group study, dedicated to deepening our relationships with Jesus Christ. During the first five weeks we will be covering *Living the Five* by Jim and Jennifer Cowart, an in-depth study of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Children are welcome, but childcare will not be provided.