

WORSHIP SERVICES & MORE

Sunday Morning Worship Service.....9:45 am Virtual Service
Live Streamed on Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube
Virtual Coffee Hour11:00 am via Zoom
Every Evening Prayer Service..... 6:00 pm via Zoom

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Children’s Sunday SchoolWeekly Lessons are mailed out to children
Senior High Sunday SchoolMeets via Zoom invite9:45 am
Youth GroupMeets in Parking Lot under Portico masked & Social Distances 2:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE

Monday-Friday9:00 am to 3:00 pm.....Closed from 12:00 -1:00 pm for lunch
Telephone: (302) 678-9626 Fax: (302) 678-9627

WESLEY PRE-SCHOOL & PLAY CARE

Monday-Friday (Sept.-May)Ages 2, 3 & 4 Oveta Fullman, Director
Play Care: Monday-Friday (open all year except Christmas Break)
For more information and/or reservations call Wesley Pre-School at 678-8987.

WESLEY’S CHURCH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Amy D. Yarnall - pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com
Deacon: Carlos Reyes - carlospendel@gmail.com
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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude *Der Orgelbüchlein* (selections) Organist: Robert Lee Adams
JS Bach

Greeting – Announcements Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

Ministries That Matter **United Methodist Women** Mary Ann Evans

A Time of Silence and Centering

Opening Hymn UMH 467 *Trust and Obey* Organist: Robert Lee Adams

Call to Worship¹ Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

From God comes my salvation. For God alone my soul waits in silence. God alone is my rock and my salvation. God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Opening Music *God With Us* Josh Bogus
Barry Graul | Bart Millard | Jim Bryson | Mike Scheuchzer | Nathan Cochran | Robby Shaffer
CCLI: 5152735

Opening Prayer¹ Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

Special Music *The King Is Coming* Kristen Zeman, Alto and Robert Lee Adams, Piano
Words by Gloria Gaither | William J. Gaither | Charles Milhuff | Music by William J. Gaither
CCLI: 3347

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination¹ Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. **Amen.**

Psalter Lesson *Psalms 62:5-12* Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. ¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have

I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Gospel Lesson *Mark 1:14-20* Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Musical Offering *Who You Are To Me* Josh Bogus
Charles Kelly | Chris Tomlin | Dave Haywood | Hillary Scott CCLI Song # 7153627

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

Offertory Prayer¹ Lay Reader: Aimee Snell

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people. Amen.

Sharing of Our Tithes and Gifts (You may also give by using the smart phone app, see bulletin announcement.)

The Offertory Organist: Robert Lee Adams

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn TFWS 2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Organist: Robert Lee Adams

Benediction Pastor Amy D. Yarnall

Postlude *Impromptu* Organist: Robert Lee Adams
Adams

¹ *Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol. 1*

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Wesley Church is still using the **MyChurch App** for notifications about upcoming events.

Altar Flowers: Flowers beautify our beautiful sanctuary, and are a gift to God and those who attend our Services. The flowers for our altar are purchased by families through local florists, and not through a line item in our church budget. Placing arrangements on the altar is a meaningful way to honor someone special or remember a loved one.

A listing of open dates for altar flower reservations can be found in the main hallway or by calling the church office. **Currently, January 31, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18, 25 are all open Sundays.** To reserve dates for altar flowers please call the church office at 302-678-9626.

Altar Guild: Would you be interested in assisting in preparing the sanctuary for worship? Currently, we have **January, May and October** without a servant. To learn about this ministry, contact Nancy Vaughan at nancyvaughan@comcast.net.

Help wanted: Christian Education is looking for a few people to help out as needed in the nursery.

Benefits include: 1) Instant hero status, 2) Exercise during worship, 3) All you can eat animal crackers, 4) Unlimited high 5's, 5) Free crayons. If you are interested in helping, please call Joe Young at 302-678-9626 ext. 114, or email youth@wesleyumc-dover.com.

The Wednesday Women's Study will be taking a short break. Watch the bulletin for the announcement of the upcoming starting date and title of the study. All women are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am via Zoom when we resume. To learn more about the Women's Study contact Diane Boyce at 697-6020.

The Clothing Closet is seeking donations of winter coats. Even though we are not open in a typical sense, we continue to receive requests for winter outer apparel, especially coats. (Larger coats XL and above are particularly in demand). Please call church office 302-678-9626, to set up an appointment to drop off items.

The United Methodist Men are holding drive-thru food pantry donation collections on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11 am. They will collect donations without you leaving your car. Just drive thru the Preschool Portico, one of the men will take your donation from your car, so you don't have to get out. We ask that you place the items to assist DIMH food pantry in a separate bag. To assist DIMH food pantry, please include the following ready to eat single serve items: fruit cups, beef jerky, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, packets of nuts, soft granola bars, etc. These will be given to Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing to give to those living on the street who come for a hot lunch and need food to take with them for later in the day.



The United Methodist Men will be selling Wesley UMC hats for \$20.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a hat, contact James Turner at 302-670-4867 or Jim Skeans at 302-678-0974.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Memorial Rose on the Chancel this morning is in memory of Reverend William Hemphill, a former pastor at Wesley Church, whose death occurred Sunday, January 10, 2021. Cards of condolence and support may be sent to his two sons, William and Robert, at 27 Bluff Road, Earleville, MD 21919.

The Memorial Rose on the Chancel this morning is in memory of Reverend George Godfrey, a former pastor at Wesley Church for 9 years, whose death occurred Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Cards of condolence and support may be sent to Carolyn Godfrey, 1001 Middleford Road, Apt. 286, Seaford, DE 19973

ONLINE GIVING: We have an important update regarding online giving at Wesley, and we need your help! Your generosity and financial partnership with Wesley United Methodist Church is immensely appreciated. We have transitioned in to our new E-giving with Vanco. You will still be able to give by setting up a scheduled gift, text, or use the mobile giving app using the following links:

To give online: <https://onrealm.org/wesleyumcdover/-/go?page=donor-form>

Text-to-Give: text **Wesley209** to **73256**, then click link in message to complete.

Do You need an Upper Room, *The Wesley Crier*, Offering Envelopes or Calendar? If you are needing any of the listed items we now have an organizer located at the Church Entrance door with all the items conveniently located for you to pick up. Just ring the bell and someone will let you in to pick up any of the mentioned items. If you need to go anywhere else in the building you will need to proceed to the sign-in book and take and record your temperature.

Is Wesley Church in your Will? We hope that you will include Wesley in your estate planning. Your generosity helps ensure that we will serve the community for generations to come. Most commonly, gifts go to the General Endowment Fund. There are also funds for Capital Expenses, Missions, and Scholarships, if you would like to designate your bequest.

In addition, there are ways to set up giving instruments like Charitable Remainder Trusts and Donor Advised Funds. For more information on this type of giving, contact the Mid Atlantic United Methodist Foundation for free consultation. Visit their webpage at <http://maumflegacy.org/> or Telephone: 484-762-8211. The Mid-Atlantic Foundation Headquarters, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820

Virtual Coffee Hour: Today at 11:00 am, you are invited to join us on Zoom with your mug of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, a cookie or muffin and share in fellowship together. We may not be able to physically gather in-person to share a hot drink and conversation like we do in Grace Fellowship Hall, but we can via Zoom.



SAVE THE DATES: We have an exciting and faith-filled year coming in 2021, and we invite you to become a part of the happenings. Please hold the following dates and prayerfully considering joining us on Zoom to hear what is going on for next year – ZOOM: You can enter all the worship services and the meetings listed below using your computer (with microphone enabled), smart phone, or cell phone, or a regular landline phone. To access via computer or smart phone click the hyper link below. Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2654880378?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2654880378?pwd=VDhaZENRaWZ2M1NPbUVLYittWGdwQT09)

[pwd=VDhaZENRaWZ2M1NPbUVLYittWGdwQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2654880378?pwd=VDhaZENRaWZ2M1NPbUVLYittWGdwQT09)

If you are using your landline or regular cell phone you will need to: Dial: 1 301 715 8592, Enter the Meeting ID: 265 488 0378, Meeting Password: 271476.

January 26nd at 7 pm: Church Council Meeting: Church Council has responsibility for visioning, planning, implementing, and evaluating effective ministry. Church Council meetings are open to all church members.

January 31th at 9:45 am: Rev. Jack Shatima will be our guest pastor for Pecometh Sunday.

January 31th at 6:30 pm: **Leadership Training:** Designed for all members in leadership roles. During our Zoom meeting we will be focusing upon our Vision and Mission Statements, as well as practical knowledge on safety, building access, expenses, and additional resources for leadership roles. As we walk into God's future for us here at Wesley, your presence is vital. The Zoom link will be the same as the worship service link. Striving to be faithful, Pastor Amy.

Whatcoat/Wesley Book Discussion:

It is now time to register for our new book study! We are excited and hope you are too. Moreover, we pray you can join us. Feel free to invite your friends, family, co-workers, church family, etc. We are anticipating another life-changing experience.

"How To Be An Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi is the book we will be studying for our next discussion. Dr. Kendi is a National Book Award Winner, #1 New York Times Best Selling Author, and named TIME'S 100 Most Influential People of 2020. Dr. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities, and the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research.

The purpose of this book discussion is two-fold: To create solidarity and fellowship among Wesley and Whatcoat Dover churches, and initiate courageous conversations around the issues of race and race relations. The facilitators for this book discussion will be The Rev. Amy Yarnall, Pastor of Wesley UMC, and The Rev. Dr. Turhan L. Potter, Sr., Pastor of Whatcoat UMC-Dover.

You may purchase the book from any online book retailer. We will continue to remain on a 6-week schedule meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The first session will begin on February 3rd and will conclude on April 21st. The length of time we meet will be the same 6:30 pm -7:45 pm. You must pre-register for the discussion even if you participated in the first discussion.

The link to register is: <https://bit.ly/38iEVtT>

Peninsula Delaware Lay Servant Academy: February 12, 13, & 14 (Weekend Academy) GOSPEL DISCIPLESHIP 4 Pathways for Christian Discipleship, by Michelle J. Morris

Stop feeling guilty. Understand exactly what disciple type you are, clarify your unique discipleship path. Five, 2 hour Zoom Sessions with the Author.

The Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Morris is passionate about connecting people to Jesus in meaningful ways, and loves to help people gain a deeper understanding of their discipleship. An ordained elder in the Arkansas Conference, she has served Arkansas churches in West Memphis and Fort Smith and now serves as an Associate Pastor overseeing the digital campus of First United Methodist Church Conway, AR. She previously served the Arkansas Conference, working on church revitalization and new church starts; work that gave rise to Gospel Discipleship, helping people understand their discipleship in terms of defining paths spelled out in each of the four Gospels.

Michelle bleeds Razorback red, holding two degrees from the University of Arkansas, a BS in English and French and MA in Comparative Literature. She also has her MDiv and a PhD in Religious Studies (New Testament emphasis), from SMU in Dallas. Michelle writes for the Adult Bible Studies curriculum and is one of the authors of the CEB Women's Bible.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/dk3qLm9JDZGFQmov8>

Committee chairs and scribes: Each Committee has a file in our data base where copies of your committee agendas and minutes are kept. Please take the time to send your agendas and minutes for the past year(s) to mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com. Thank you, Michele Dryda

Wesley's Prayer Shawl Ministry, which has been in operation for the past several years provides shawls, lap blankets and prayer squares as a source of comfort for members of the congregation who are sick, grieving or need comfort for various reasons. We also have delivered blankets to the six nursing homes in the area at Christmas time to be handed out to residents with no family or few visitors. We donate four (4) per nursing home which amounts to 24 each year. We are a very small group, which has been made even smaller due to the loss of two (2) very productive members in the past few months. Because of that, it is very hard to maintain an adequate supply of shawls and lap blankets on hand for those who may need the comfort and blessing of a warm blanket. We are asking for any volunteers who may want to help us out by crocheting or knitting a rectangular or triangular shawl to help us replenish our supply. Although we would greatly welcome new participants to our group, this request in no way demands a commitment to our group in the future. Because we are a total of six-eight people, it would be a huge help at this time. Patterns, as well as yarn, are available, if needed. If interested, please contact Pat Bockius 302-382-2360 or Jane Ragains 302-270-5323. Thank you.

Hymnals are now available on loan for those who are worshiping online and wish to follow along with the service in a traditional way. Please contact the church office at 302-678-9626 or email church@wesleyumc-dover.com to arrange for one to be delivered to you.

PECOMETH: Thanks to all who contributed to Pecometh's 50 for \$50K Challenge. We currently have 54 new recurring donors totaling \$2,818 in monthly giving. Not only did you help us unlock the \$50,000 Challenge Gift, we can now count on nearly \$34,000 in additional annual giving in 2021. Praise God!

If you haven't yet given to Pecometh, there's still time. You can give us a one-time or recurring monthly gift. Even though we unlocked the Challenge Gift, we'd love to be able to tell the funders that we have over \$3000/month in recurring giving. Please consider helping us get there. For more information on how to give click this link:

https://www.pecometh.org/25challenge?utm_campaign=2021%20Annual%20Appeal&utm_source=email&utm_medium=Conference%20Emails&utm_content=Conference%20Emails

We don't expect normal camp and retreat activity to resume until the second half of 2021, so every gift matters. Once again, thanks to all of the churches and people of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. Together. Apart. You're deep down in our hearts. ~ Happy New Year!

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer: Angela, Baby Norah, Barbara, Caroline, Mary Pat, Roy and Charlotte, Lois Adkins, Paul Barker, Harry Baxter, Lou Baxter, Marty Berny, Cathy Berry, Abigail Bickham, Darla Boyce, Doug Boyce, Thurman Bruffey, Marie Burgoyne, Tom & Soni Davis, Debbie DuBreuil, Adaline East, Lynn Egloff, Becky Falkowski, Happy Floyd, Leona Hutchins, Joyce Kellen, John Kelly, Cathi Kopera, Julie & Paul Light, Sara Lyon, Dick Miller & Janet Spengler Miller, Maureen Miller, Doris Mitchell, The Mitchells, Sandy Nelson, Pearl Norman, Bill Nutt, Bruce Obenshain, Brian Page, Waverly and Pati Rainey, John & Pat Riddleberger, Todd Riddleberger, Jean & Wes Ritter, Jack Royston, Bill Schaffer, James Schindler, Michelle Towey, Brian Wasko, Mary Weeks and the families of Rev. William Hemphill, Rev. George Godfrey, Charlotte Courtney Spence, John Chippie, Dr. Pete Pugliese.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY 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: James Lieske. Please notify the Church Office if your family member/friend is no longer serving overseas.

*January 24 – January 31, 2021
Let Us Pray....*

Sunday: and praise God, Who is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. Pray that as we worship today, we will glimpse how great our God is. Ask God to bless the children learning

their Bible lessons at home. Pray for the Virtual Coffee Hour to be a blessed time of connecting with one another. Ask God to bless the Youth and Youth Leaders as they have Sunday School and Youth Group. Pray that the Evening Prayer Time each day will be a blessing to all those participating.

Monday: that time alone with God in reading the Bible and prayer will become more precious each day. Thank God for the privilege of prayer and for the peace and joy that it brings.

Tuesday: for the Staff as they meet to prepare for worship. Ask God to meet their greatest needs. Pray for La Caminante to be a blessing to all our Spanish speaking friends. Pray for the Church Council to have wisdom as they meet and set the direction for Wesley in 2021.

Wednesday: for the food pantry ministry and thank God for the men who faithfully collect the food and for those who donate. Pray for those receiving the food to have enough for their families. Pray for the Handbell Choirs and Directors as they patiently await the day when they can gather together to practice and bless the congregation with their beautiful music. Pray for the Christian Education Committee meeting to discern ways to make our Sunday School the best it can be.

Thursday: for the Organist, Director, Praise and Worship Leader as they prepare music for worship. Ask God to bless those who regularly provide the music for our worship service. Pray for the Lay Servant Ministry as they meet to encourage one another as we begin this new year. Be with the Chancel Choir members as they gather through zoom to stay connected and pray for one another.

Friday: for those in authority to be given wisdom and discernment from God to lead this country. Pray for Christ's Church to be strong and courageous as we strive to be a light and salt in the world. Pray that God would be merciful to America.

Saturday: for those who are ministering to the marginalized in our area. Pray that they will be able to meet the needs of those who have no permanent home, job, or family to help. Pray for the efficiency and effectiveness of these ministries. Ask God to bless the Mama Tola School Students and Teachers.

Sunday: and prepare our hearts and minds to worship God. Pray for our guest speaker, Jack Shatima as he brings the message. Pray for the Leadership Training to be a blessing to all who participate.

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.

Trust and Obey

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
 3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Santruis (1846-1919)
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919)

TRUST AND OBEY
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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
 2 Though none go with me, still I will fol - low; though none go
 3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -

F C

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 with me, still I will fol - low; though none go with me, still I will
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -

G7 C

Je - sus;
 fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me;

WORDS: Attr. S. Sundar Singh (1889-1929)
 MUSIC: Hindustani melody

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