

Food Pantry Collection - Did you know you don't have to wait until the first Wednesday in the month to bring your food donations to the church for the food pantry? We have a bin in the closet under the stairwell outside of St. Paul's Chapel for donations to be left. We will be back in the parking lot on Wednesday, **February 5, 2025** for all our friends that like to drive thru and chat with us.

The Clothing Closet appreciates your donations of women's shoes and men's winter jackets. Both are still needed. In addition, we are in need of jewelry and children's winter coats.

Men's Bible Study: We meet on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the Search Class room in the Education Building. On the 3rd Tuesdays we meet at Hollywood Diner at 7 am for breakfast. All men are welcome! Come join us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Skeans at (302) 678-0974.

Search Class - An Adult Study Group: Join us on Sunday at 8:35 am in the church parlor for prayer, fellowship, coffee, and Bible study. New class members are always welcome. For the next five weeks, the class will be reading and discussing: *Half-Truths, God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*, by Adam Hamilton.

SAVE THE DATE: The United Methodist Men are planning for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 15, 2025 from 4 till 7 pm, in Grace Fellowship Hall. We will be calling for support and helping hands to set-up and to serve. Reserve the date for a delicious meal. Ticket prices will be Adults - \$10.00 in advance \$11.00 at the door and Children (7-12) - \$5.00 / 6 Years and under free. Tickets are available in advance from United Methodist Men or in the church office.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 am - Worship — St. Paul's Chapel
9:30 am - Worship — Sanctuary
10:30 am - Fellowship Time — Grace Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm - Youth Group — Student Ministries Center

Monday, January 13, 2025

9 am - 11 am — Clothing Closet
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm - Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

11:30 am - Office Closes
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
7:00 pm - DCS Rehearsal — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm - NA Meeting — Grace Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm - Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal — Bell Room
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Friday, January 17, 2025

9 - 11 am - Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 pm - ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:00 am - Clothing Closet — Ed Building
9:00 am - Soccer Shots — Grace Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm - Community Meal — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wesley UMC Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: Embracing Community In Harmony with God
**Mission: Respectful Minds, Outreaching Arms,
Loving Each Other, Together with God**



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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(† Indicates congregation rise in body or spirit.)

(Ω 8:00 service includes only the parts with this symbol.)

Ω Greeting Michele Dryda

Ω Greeting Our Neighbors Michele Dryda

A Time of Silence and Centering

Prelude *Andante Religioso* Sherry Roscoe
William Stickles

Lighting Altar Candles Anthony Falkowski

† Hymn 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*† Ω Call to Worship¹ (Responsive) Aimee Snell

Reader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: **The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

Reader: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: **And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Reader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: **Let us worship God in holy splendor.**Special Music *Word of God Speak* Josh Bogus
Bart Millard CCLI: 3912788Ω Opening Prayer¹ (Unison) Aimee Snell

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Ω Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Michele Dryda

Anthem *Order My Steps* Chancel Choir
Glenn Burleigh/Arr. Jack Schrader

Sharing of Our Tithes and Gifts: You may give also by using the smart phone app, *Text-to-Give:* text Wesley209 to 73256, then click link in message to complete. Or go to the website *wesleyumc-dover.com* and click online giving.

The Offertory *Adoration* Sherry Roscoe
William Stickles

† Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer¹ (Unison) Aimee Snell

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination¹ Aimee Snell† Ω Gospel Lesson *Luke 18:9-14* Aimee Snell

Ω Message Nathan Vaughn

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn 408 *The Gift of Love*

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

Ω Benediction Michele Dryda

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles Anthony Falkowski

Postlude *Recessional* Sherry Roscoe
William Stickles**Participants in Today's Services:****Worship Leader:** Michele Dryda**Guest Pastor:** Nathan Vaughn**Organist:** Sherry Roscoe**Lay Reader:** Aimee Snell**Acolyte:** Anthony Falkowski**Ushers:****Audio Visual:** Josh Bogus, Mardi Spangler**Announcements**

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Dryda Family

Announcements can be found on the Website, Facebook and in the weekly email sent out each week with the bulletin link.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please speak with an usher if you are in need of one.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests: If you would like the Director of Pastoral Care, Anthony Falkowski to contact you to talk, pray with you, and to place you on the prayer list please send your requests to anthony@wesleyumc-dover.com. Prayer requests will be shared with the pastor, staff and the prayer team and lifted up in prayer. Please notify the church office 302-678-9626 with updates so we know when names should be taken off the list.

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer: Several unspoken, Carol, Eunice, Patricia, Terry, Jon & Louise Andrews, Paul & Linda Barker, Lou Baxter, Barbara & Bill Berry, Judy Bickling, Sally Buckley, June Honeycutt, Michelle Iraca-Bowman, Sue Killen, Fred Marvel, Stephen Metler, Jim & Sandi Thistlewood, Bill and Ruby Schaffer and Charles Whaley.