



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***The Dove* SEPTEMBER 2019**

Message From Pastor Brad

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Welcome back! Happy Fall! Now that we are all done hosting, traveling, and all the other fun that comes with summer we can get to some work as the Body of Christ. Take whatever time you need to recover, because this note is only the beginning of what you are going to hear and read from me for this season. It all starts with the verse from Matthew above, which has admittedly been stuck in my head and heart for at least the last month. How do you feel after reading it? Take a minute to really read it once or twice and let it sit with you. How would you feel if you applied it to your own life? Take another minute to pray and dwell on this verse and how you measure up to it. I hope you don't read it as an indictment, but I also honestly hope you don't give yourself an A+ and move right along. If you're anything like me, I hope you take this verse as a means of freedom and motivation.

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus refers to this passage as the greatest commandment in the Law, as it is originally found in Deuteronomy 6. It is the greatest commandment, but also sounds a bit on the impossible side. That's not to say that I, or many people, don't bring our heart, soul, and mind into our faith, but how do we engage it with ourselves and others. It's that pesky word “all” that throws everything awry. All our heart? All our soul? All our mind? One or more of those things can feel like a pretty tall order on any given day of the week. Remember though, we are reading this with freedom and motivation. The freedom comes by way of acknowledging that we will never hit this

mark on our own. God knows that, but God has also given us untold days, blessings, people and supports to use every moment to try. That's where the motivation comes in. We're not meant to accept the inevitability of this and hope for the best.

God has set the goal, the course, and in the Lord's marvelous grace left us not to our own means to get there. Our job is to honestly admit to where we are today, prayerfully discern the next step God has set before us, and then let the Holy Spirit lead the way. If we do that, over and over again and day after day, we don't know what we will be or what we will achieve. What we can have is assurance that we've given all we can to the Lord and that God has used it to make the Kingdom more alive in us and all the people and places we've been. May we all move honestly in faith in pursuit of all that can be with God.

In Peace, Pastor Brad

September 2019 Sermon Series

“How Is It With Your Soul?”

Based on John Wesley's approach to discipleship and Matthew 22:37

Week 1: Actively Loving

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14:1, 7-14

Week 2: With All Your Heart

Philemon 1-21 and Luke 14:25-33

Week 3: With All Your Soul

Readings: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10

Week 4: With All Your Mind

Readings: Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 and Luke 16:1-13

Week 5: With All Your Strength

Readings: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31

Dover District Events

Contact Amy Willey

302-526-2629

Sept. 11, 2019 Dover District Bishop's Day
6:30 – 8:30 PM Gethsemane UMC – Seaford

October 12, 2019 Intentional Discipleship
Workshop 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (TBD)

October 26, 2019 Revival Prayer Day # 8
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Seaford-Reliance
Gethsemane UMC. Registration forms are
available on the table at the rear of the
sanctuary.

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

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As of August 31, 2019, our worship giving was under budget by about \$7,200, while our disbursements were about \$4,500 over budget. It may be due to the effort to pay down the mortgage, and some emergent unexpected expenses. We will discuss future spending and our 2020 budget at our next Finance and Trustee meetings in September. I know God will continue to bless us by inspiring our church family to support the mission and vision of our wonderful old church.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman



Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 6/30/2019.....\$ 14,654.13
Special Donation by Members....\$ 8,655.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest)\$ 3,018.53
Balance on 8/27/2019..... \$ 2,980.60

Well, our July and August arrows got us into the second ring, so I am certain our September arrow will be dead center, and we will have "HIT THE TARGET" by October 1st. I am gathering kindling for our "BURN THE MORTGAGE" party.

Any donations received in excess of our mortgage needs will be placed in our capital reserve account unless otherwise instructed.



We are REALLY CLOSE – GOD IS GREAT!!

An Unidentified Contribution on July 22

Included in the July 22 collection plate was a check from Wells Fargo Advisors, dated July 16 and written to MUMC. The check was for \$1,000 but no name was provided to identify the source of the funds. A partial account number was shown on the check and the last four digits are 2354.

Unfortunately, I don't know who should receive credit for this generous check on the annual giving statements. If you directed this payment from your account, please let me know so I can apply it to your 2019 giving statement. Lee Brubaker

Trustees Report

Sanctuary Power Failure: On August 15, the electrical power to the sanctuary was corrupted by damage to the wires from the power company transformer to our building, due to abrasion from one of our trees. The result was a power surge that caused some of our systems to fail. At this time, everything except the oil furnace is back on line. We have notified our insurance company and will file a claim for costs as appropriate.

Facility Security: The Response to Active Shooter presentation to the church was conducted on July 28th. Our Security team now includes Brice Cropper, Tom Maly, and Joe Skinner. The team will present a proposal to enhance facility security to the Trustees on September 9th and to the Administrative Council the following week.

Sanctuary Projection System: This upgrade is on hold until later in the year, when our financial situation is more clearly defined.

Sanctuary Attic Fans: This repair is still under consideration.

Rich Spina, Trustees Chairman

Missions

Please prayerfully consider your missions giving, especially on Communion Sunday, so we can do more to care for our local needs. Ellen Hitchens.

United Methodist Women's Group

Tuesday, September 3 @ 10:00 am

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3 @ 10:00 am. Our meetings are held in the library of the Wesley Hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Bazaar and other fun future events. If you have never been to a UMW meeting and would like to see what we are all about, ladies please join us in fellowship and friendship. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

2019 UMW Bake Sales

A huge thank you to Sharon Graham, Lois Lathbury, and Patti Belasco for hosting our July bake sale, and to Katy Pugh, Mary Towson, and Carol Gorden for hosting our August bake sale.

Our successful bake sales are due to all of our church family who have supplied us with delicious homemade treats to sell. I want to personally thank all of those who go out of their way to make the UMW Bake Sales so amazing each year. We raised over \$2,500.00 to help pay down the Wesley Hall Mortgage. Many blessings, Donna

SAVE THE DATE

UMW Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 16 at 8:00 to 1:30

UMW Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, November 16 and doors will open at 8:00 am. UMW will reserve the Wesley Hall the week of Monday, November 11 to Saturday, November 16. This scheduling will affect anyone who uses the hall during the day - bible studies and classes. Any evening meetings in the library area during this week will not be affected until Thursday evening.

We hope to offer 2nd Time Around Treasures (Any Christmas or Winter decorations), Crafts, and Bake Sale items. Also, the UMW Café will be serving lunch.

Your donation of any lightly used and no longer needed Christmas items, would be greatly appreciated. Items must be cleaned to help us save on much needed time. Please check with family and friends to see if they would like to donate any Christmas items too! Again, we will only be accepting Any Christmas or Winter decorations.

We will start accepting donations Sunday, October 6 thru Sunday, November 3. Bring donations in on Saturday evenings, if attending the Praise service, or on Sunday mornings after church service. If you need to drop things off at another time, please call Donna Binaut in advance and arrange a date and time to meet you at the hall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067. Or come to the meeting on Tuesday, September 3 to learn more!

Special Events

Pot Luck Dinner

Potlucks will begin again on October 6th. The theme is Mexican or "Six de Octobero" as we missed Cinco de Mayo. We'll meet at 4:30 pm as usual. Bring a dish and a friend. See you there.

Training For Emergency Homeless Shelter Volunteers

Thursday, September 26, Wesley Hall, 7-9 PM. Volunteers are needed each night to provide basic coverage for the season. See Pastor Brad for details.

CROP Hunger Walk in Bethany Beach Sunday, October 20

Set up – 12:00 PM Walk at 2:00 PM
Save the date. This is the 31st year of our CROP Hunger Walk in Bethany Beach. Join us in responding to hunger and poverty in our community and around the world. Pastor Brad

Choir Notes

I would personally like to thank our choir members who shared their talents with us this summer. We are truly blessed with the talent we have in our membership. It is not easy for everyone to sing solos or duets, so I thank all the others for their support. I particularly enjoyed the benefit of sitting and listening. Pure joy! In addition, I would like to recognize the extra work Barb and Marilyn did to add meaning to our service. Talk about talent!

Thanks and Blessings to all, Elizabeth

The choir is starting their fall schedule the Wednesday after Labor Day at 6:30pm in WH. We always welcome anyone interested in joining us. If you can sing in the shower, maybe you can sing with us. We love praising the Lord, how about you? Elizabeth

COFFEE and CONVERSATION

Just a reminder that our Coffee and Conversation is on the 3rd Sunday of every month. This is a special time for members and visitors to say hi and to “catch up”. So many of you have helped to make these 3rd Sundays of the month a success by bringing yummy things to share and enjoy, and I thank you for that.

Remember the sign-up sheet on the back table which helps us to know what to look forward to. If you forget to sign your name, please, by all means, still bring something we will all enjoy. We can never have too much!!!

We are a Church family and it’s great to have us all involved in our fellowship events. Your presence and involvement makes those times more special and more fun!

Please think about looking at the sheet this Sunday and signing up!

Thank you! Ellie Trait

Weekly Happenings at Millville

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Prayer on the Beach	8:30 AM
Wednesday	*Revelation Study	1:00 PM
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee/Bible Study w/Pastor Brad	10:30 AM

***Revelation Study will begin Sept. 25**

Aging Faithfully Cookie Bingo

Cookie Bingo will be on a break until someone volunteers to assume the responsibility for this activity.

If you are interested, please Contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284.

Note: If you have ideas for future programs for **Aging Faithfully**, and would like to help with planning events, contact Connie Warner at 539-7488.

Fit for Life

We will resume our regular schedule in September. Each Tuesday we meet at 9:00 AM and Carol Gorden leads us in “gentle exercise.” Everyone is welcome to join in for fitness, fun, and fellowship!!

Monthly Meetings

UMW	Tuesday Sept. 3, 10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	Monday Sept. 9, 6:30 PM
Trustees	Monday Sept. 9, 7:15 PM
Admin. Council	Monday Sept. 16, 7:00 PM
SPPRC	Monday Sept. 23, 7:00 PM

Small Groups - Weekly

Coffee with Pastor Brad - Sunday at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. A time to study and discuss the primary Scripture reading and message from worship that day. If you have ever had any questions about Pastor Brad's message or wanted to talk more about the reading of the day, this is your place to ask, share and grow. Everyone is invited.

Pastor Brad's Classes

There will be sign-up sheets for all these groups on the back table in the sanctuary, and Pastor Brad will be sending out an e-mail with links for any books required for any of these groups.

-Fall Study Preview Day

On Wednesday, September 18th at 1:00 PM Pastor Brad will be showing the discussion videos from the Covenant Bible Study on the books of Daniel and Revelation. This is meant to be a preview of the Covenant study and an introduction to the Revelation Study starting later in the month. Anyone is invited to attend who is interested in joining any of the below small groups, or if you're just interested in hearing two interesting discussions on Daniel and Revelation.

-Revelation Study

Pastor Brad will be starting his study series on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday, September 25th at 1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. This group will meet weekly, with a few by-weeks in the beginning, and be a mix of teaching and discussion. There is no previous experience, knowledge, or expertise required, and anyone is invited to join. All you need to bring is your Bible. This study will end early in December.

-Covenant Bible Study

Our next session of the Covenant Bible Study will begin on Monday, October 7th at 11:00 AM. For those who don't know, this is an in-depth study of the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, that happens over three 8-week units based on the theme of God's covenants with humanity. We will be working through the first unit from October through

early December. We will work through units 2 and three in late January 2020 through Spring 2020. You can sign up for each individual unit without committing to all three. This group will be meeting Monday mornings at 11:00 AM at Pastor Brad and Erin's house.

-Bi-Weekly Book Club

Pastor Brad's book club will begin on Tuesday, October 8th at 11:00 AM with the book *Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ* by Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola. This is the first of a trilogy of books written by these authors about Jesus that we will be reading throughout the year. This group will be meeting every other Tuesday in Wesley Hall at 11:00 AM.

Missions

Instructions to Donate to UMCOR:

Make check payable to: Millville United Methodist Church and note UMCOR on memo line.

NOTE: US Disaster Response
Advance # 901670

NOTE: Relief for Refugees in Europe Disaster Response, International
Advance # 982450

Remember To Bring Donations For:

Salem UMC Food Pantry

Supplies Needed for Wesley Hall

Tri-fold paper towels, toilet paper, hand/dish soap, cleaning or disinfectant supplies.

Ministries

To activate the Prayer Chain

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600
or email nanbowers4@comcast.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pocket Prayer Shawl is meant to bring comfort, love, and knowing that prayers have been asked for whomever touches this tiny piece of yarn. It can be carried in a pocket, purse, or pinned to a loved ones pillow. The Pocket Prayer Shawl can be tucked into a card and mailed across country or across an ocean. Please include your prayers when giving it to someone.

We now have available, Pocket Prayer Shawls. They are located at the back of the church sanctuary in a small basket. The full size Prayer Shawls are still located in Wesley Hall, in the wooden chest. Bless someone today with your smile. Please contact Sharon Graham @ 537-0772 with any questions.

“Loving Care”

If you need a helping hand, please contact Nancy Bowers 1-410-598-5600 or email nanbowers4@comcast.net

Feed My Sheep - Soup Kitchen

Thursday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Mariner’s Bethel UMC

Volunteers for ACTS are needed!

Fill out an Application at 34634 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View. (Phone 302 539-3513)

Prayer on the Beach!

**Bethany Beach @ Campbell Place
Wednesday, 8:30 AM**

Share in a time of prayer and fellowship on the beach followed by breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonalds. Invite a friend!



Saturday Praise and Worship Service

6:00 PM at Wesley Hall

Every Saturday evening there is an informal fellowship here at Millville UMC. We open our service with singing - both hymns and praise music. Our service continues with a special time of sharing our joys and concerns, followed by prayer. Each week we are blessed with a message from the scriptures and from the heart by one of our speakers:

Week 1 – Janet Smith

Week 2 – Pastor Brad

Week 3 – Lori Ciccanti

Week 4 – Donald Maebly

Week 5 – As needed: Janet Smith
Donald Maebly
Lou Ciccanti

Following the service, we visit and enjoy coffee and dessert together. Join us and bring a friend!

..... From Our Church Family

Thank You Note from Ed Palmer

I felt weak in the knees. Couldn't focus on the hymnal. Sat down, hoping for quick recovery as I had the previous week. Didn't work, so I laid down on the pew. The church members jumped in to help. Thankfully, some of them are retired from the medical professions. Anyway, they had me prepped by the time paramedics arrived and soon I was off to Beebe. Don't know how to thank all those wonderful people. I wish God's Blessings upon every one of them. I am home and doing well.

Ed Palmer

An Invitation to Lunch and a Performance By The Sons of Thunder Gospel Singers

Mariner's Bethel is hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, September 18 at 12:00 PM. Following lunch (Subs) the Sons of Thunder will perform. The cost of lunch is \$ 10.00. To register to attend, contact Donald Lawson@verizon.net. There is no charge to attend the performance only. (Arrive at 12:30 pm). Marilyn Ferry

3 Things God Cannot Do

1. God Cannot Lie

Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began...”

2. God Cannot Change

Malachi 3:6 “For I am the Lord, I change not...”

3. God Cannot Allow Sinners into Heaven

John 3:3 Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Ephesians 2:8,9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

God made salvation so plain and so simple. God says in **1 John 5:13**: “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life...”

In the past, you may have *hoped* that you were going to heaven. Now you may *know* it!

Shared by Janet Smith
from “Moments with the Book”
Scripture from the *King James Version*

Address Change for Gerry Townsend

I’m sure Gerry would love to hear from her friends at Millville. This is her current address:

Geraldine (Gerry) Townsend
Magnolias of Summerville
335 Midland Parkway, Unit 119
Summerville, SC 29485

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER IN CHRIST
RONALD (RON) E. SMITH
APRIL 17, 1939 – AUGUST 14, 2019**

CHURCH INFORMATION



If you have questions regarding:
~ Scheduling Requests for use of Wesley Hall~
~ Flowers on the Altar~
~ Prayer List Additions or Correction~

Please contact Marilyn Ferry (539-9598)
or email wingferry@aol.com

Reader/Greeter Schedule (Subject to change as needed)

September 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
1	Marianne Smith	Tom & Donna Binaut
8	Janet Smith	Frank & Lois Lathbury
15	Rich Spina	Carol Gorden & Sheila Herrmann
22	Rich Spina	Phyllis Campbell & Millie Cheek
29	Marianne Smith	Chuck & Ellen Erbe

Please refer to the bulletin board and web site for a schedule for the entire year. Contact Marilyn Ferry with questions. (539-9598)

Readers/Greeters Schedule for 2020

I will be joining the Worship committee in the role of organizing and creating the Readers / Greeters schedule for 2020 and I will be sending out emails to all individuals to obtain their preferred months / weeks of service. Many blessings, Donna

Looking for Readers

We are currently looking for members who would like to be a Reader at Sunday service. If you are interested, please talk with Luella Wright, Worship Chair or Pastor Brad to learn more.

September Birthdays



- 2 – Jay Turner
- 5 – Billy Smith
- 16 – Don Lassahn
- 17 - Nancy Seal
- 21 – Phyllis Campbell
- 27 – Patricia Derrickson

Worship Service Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather, call church office (302) 539-9077 for voicemail message about worship service status.

Fire Extinguisher Locations:

Sanctuary

- *Immediately inside the front entrance
- *Inside the entrance to the choir room/lavatory area.

Wesley Hall

- *Immediately inside office entrance
- *Immediately inside Main Hall entrance
- *Conference Room front porch entrance

Defibrillator Locations:

Sanctuary

In the Choir Room at the entrance to the Sanctuary

Wesley Hall

In the Main Hall at the handicapped ramp entrance

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“He hath made every thing beautiful in his time...”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 King James Version

