



# MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE DOVE

**APRIL 2018**

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRAD**

#### Fair-Weather Faith

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22-23, NIV

Welcome home! This is a month in which we get to say welcome back to many beloved things as we move firmly into Spring. I've been awaiting the return of long sunny days, but I've been anxiously excited to welcome back our brothers and sisters in Christ who have spent the winter months elsewhere. Our church family will soon be whole again and our area will come alive as beach season gets going. Think of all the new friends we have yet to meet and the opportunities to share Christ's love with new neighbors. Amid all this we are blessed to celebrate the unending joy of Easter. Reaching the end of Lent, we can begin to more fully embrace the gift and joy of everlasting life. We can frame all of this through faithfulness.

Having faith in the Lord or putting our faith in God is a familiar idea to almost everyone. Even if a person doesn't agree with it, they have some idea of what it means because many people have that same relationship to other things in their lives. Voting, whether it be for a person, idea, or thing, is an act of putting some amount of faith into what it is or stands for. For the sports fans out there, committing yourself to a certain team is an act of faith. Especially if you do it for years, even decades.

There's a word out there for the people we see wearing our team colors and jerseys when they're winning or in the playoffs--Fair-Weather Fan. And no one wants to be one of those.

I know plenty of people who have stuck with this team or that through some long, long stretches of not winning a championship or even getting close. I'll admit, I know a lot of people who are Philadelphia fans. What do they gain from it? Why wear the colors? Because there is a sense of devotion and community that goes beyond results or performance. They are a part of the Eagles, or the Flyers, even if they live far from the city and are lucky to go to a game once every couple of years. It's unshaking and unyielding. Imagine if we approached God, church, and our faith with that same passion!

There are a lot of things I could say about how our numbers, our team stats, need a lot of help. But I'm not going to approach the empty tomb with my short-term anxieties. Instead, I see this as a time to rally and reclaim the everlasting life of joy that Christ set before us. You are a part of Team Christ; you are on the starting lineup of Millville UMC playing for the glory of God and the spread of the Kingdom in our area. To you, Easter People, I say raise your voices and your spirits.

Go Team Go,  
Pastor Brad

### **Dover District Events for April**

Cathy Myers (302)-526-2629

April 13, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM - Dover SLT Team Training at Wyoming UMC, 216 Wyoming Mill Rd., Dover, DE

April 14, 9:00 AM – Noon - SLT Workshop with Dr. John Ewart. This workshop is open to all clergy members and laity at Avenue UMC, 20 N. Church St., Milford, DE

April 20, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Spring Lay Academy. Location and details later.

April 21 – 8:30 AM– 3:30 PM - Spring Lay Academy. Location and details later.

**Coming in May**

Annual Conference – May 31, 2018 at Maryland Eastern Shore

**Our Financial Health**

**.....Recovering**

We are almost three months into 2018, and we coming back from the worship giving shortfall I mentioned last month. At the end of February, we were down about \$3,900 compared to the budget, but as of March 18<sup>th</sup>, we are only down about \$500. After discounting the \$2,500 we moved from the general fund to the capital reserve account, were are pretty much on budget for our expenses.

All that to say, if our 2018 giving trend repeats that of 2017, we will be able to do His work according to His will. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ--Rich Spina



**Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status**

Balance on 1/31/2018.....\$116,045.52  
Special Donation by Members.....\$301.00  
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....\$1009.39  
Balance on 2/28/2018..... \$114,735.13

Some of our members have made special donations to reduce the mortgage balance for a substantial savings in interest paid. You can do the same in several ways: by using a pew envelope, or by placing your donation in a basket at the rear of the sanctuary marked “Mortgage Reduction.” Some of our members have made a special donation in honor of, or in memory of someone special in their lives. Thank you in advance for your support.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman

**Trustees Report**

Your Trustees are working to improve the sanctuary microphones to eliminate disruptive static experienced recently. Wireless microphones for the pastor, and for general use are on order, and should be available in April.

We will be installing rain gutters at the rear of the sanctuary over the handicapped ramp.

We are waiting on a proposal to improve the image projection system in the sanctuary.

Rich Spina, Trustee Chairman

**Missions**

Missions is at the heart of our Vision, so please continue to prayerfully consider how you can support our giving. This is the current status of our Missions account.

Balance February 28, 2018.....\$428.87  
Missions Receipts March 2018 to date.....\$268.00  
Funds Available.....\$696.87  
Missions to Salem Comm. Food Pantry...-\$500.00  
Missions to Union Wesley Food Pantry...-\$150.00  
Current Local Missions Balance.....\$46.87

Ellen Hitchens, Missions Chairman

**Special Events**

**United Methodist Women’s Group  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 AM**

We will be having our third meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM. I would like to personally invite all of our ladies of the Church to attend this upcoming meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

**Potluck Dinner/Chili Cook-Off  
Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM**

Since the first Sunday of the month is Easter, our pot luck will be on the second Sunday. We are planning a Chili Cook-off. Bring a friend and enjoy a special time of fellowship. Call Elizabeth Skinner 302-732-9684 for further information.

## Fit for Life

Join in the fun and get healthy at the same time, as Carol leads us in "gentle exercise." Everyone is welcome!!

Carol Gorden, Instructor

## Aging Faithfully -- Cookie Bingo

Cookie bingo will be held on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Please contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284 with any questions.

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

## "The Other Twelve Disciples"

**Maundy Thursday**

**March 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

Millville UMC will present a chancel drama featuring the twelve women in Jesus' life. Come hear the testimony of the women who traveled with and really knew Jesus. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. You will be blessed by the powerful message of these special women. Marianne Smith, Director (302-541-4213)

## Holy Week Services @ Millville

### Thursday, March 29

7:00 PM "The Other 12 Disciples"

### Friday, March 30

11:00 AM Good Friday Service  
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM Good Friday Prayer Vigil

### Saturday March 31

6:00 PM Saturday Praise Service

### Sunday, April 1

6:30 AM Easter Sunday Sunrise Service  
Bethany Beach Boardwalk  
**In case of rain, the service will be held at Ocean View Presbyterian, Central Ave.**  
9:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship MUMC

## ~Please Note~

**There will be no Coffee/Bible Study with Pastor Brad on Easter Sunday**

## **AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course Saturday, April 7, 9-12:30 PM**

The AARP Safe Driver Refresher Course will be presented in Wesley Hall on Saturday, April 7, 9-12:30 p.m. The members of the congregation who took the basic course on April of 2015 need to take this course to continue their insurance discount. If you've had the basic course elsewhere and need the refresher, this is the course you can take. The course cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for non-members. Please bring your driver's license and AARP membership number when you sign in the day of the course. **Check only**, made payable to AARP Driving. **(cash will not be accepted)** A sign in sheet will be circulated on a Sunday Worship Service in March. Katherine Maly ([kmaly315@yahoo.com](mailto:kmaly315@yahoo.com)) is handling the registration and her husband Tom will be presenting the course.

## Weekly Happenings at Millville

### **Pastor Brad's Schedule**

Pastor Brad is normally in the office on Tuesdays, but he is available by appointment Monday through Thursday. He'll be in the office Monday through Thursday, but at various times. If you would like to stop by and see Pastor Brad on any of those days, please call or e-mail in advance so he can prepare accordingly and give you his undivided attention.

If you'd like to make an appointment, need a pastoral visit or help, or want to talk to him for any other reason, you can contact him by email, phone or text.

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Prayer on the Beach	8:30 AM
	Wesley Bible Study	11:00 AM
	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	
	With Pastor Brad	10:30 AM

## **~April Monthly Meetings~**

UMW	Tues., April 3, 10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	Mon., April 9, 7:00 PM
Trustees	Mon., April 9, 7:30 PM
Admin. Council	No meeting in April

### **“Arise!” Early Morning Prayer 5 AM**

During the month of April, we will be meeting 7 days a week at St. George’s United Methodist Church.

### **Small Groups -Weekly**

**Coffee with Pastor Brad** - Sunday at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We will be reading the shorter books of the New Testament throughout the beginning of 2018.

**Wesley Wednesday Group** – Wednesday, 11:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Pastor Brad. Each week we will look at a sermon of John Wesley, so you can join any time and not be behind!

**Thursday Bible Study** – Meets at 9:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Donald Maebly

### **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**

### **Church Supplies Needed**

Coffee – Regular & Decaf  
Swiffer Wet Cloths

## **Remember To Bring Donations For:** **Salem UMC Food Pantry**

### **Lord Baltimore Elementary School** **Student Assistance Program**

#### **Items needed:**

Backpack food items	Tissues
Magic Markers	# 2 wooden pencils
Clorox disinfectant wipes	
Highlighters – all colors	

**Needed all year:** Construction paper  
Glue Sticks

### **Ministries**

#### **To activate the Prayer Chain**

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600  
Or email [nanbowers4@comcast.net](mailto:nanbowers4@comcast.net)

#### **“Loving Care”**

If you need a helping hand, please contact Nancy Bowers 1-410-598-5600 or email [nanbowers4@comcast.net](mailto:nanbowers4@comcast.net)

#### **Feed My Sheep - Soup Kitchen**

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

#### **Volunteers for ACTS are needed!**

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

#### **Prayer at the Beach!** **Every Wednesday at 8:30 AM**

In the offseason months our prayer at the beach will be meeting at the McDonald’s in South Bethany instead of on the beach.

Our Worship at the Beach will resume after Memorial Day at Campbell Place on Bethany Beach.

## **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 Maeby  
Week 5 – As needed:  
Janet Smith  
Donald Maeby  
Lou Ciccanti

Following the service, we visit and enjoy coffee and dessert together. It's a relaxing way to finish the end of the week with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor to come along!

### **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](mailto:wingferry@aol.com)

### **~Special Notes~**

#### **Hall & Church Refrigerators**

Both refrigerators will be cleaned out at the end of each month. Please take all leftover food and beverages when you leave an event. **Only unopened containers, and containers specifically marked, will be kept.** Thank you. UMW

#### **Elder Care/Companion**

Elder Care/Companion Care Available. If interested, please call Alice @ 845-596-6700. Alice

is a friend of Lois Lathbury. You may contact Lois with any questions. (Cell phone) 302-745-2111  
A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

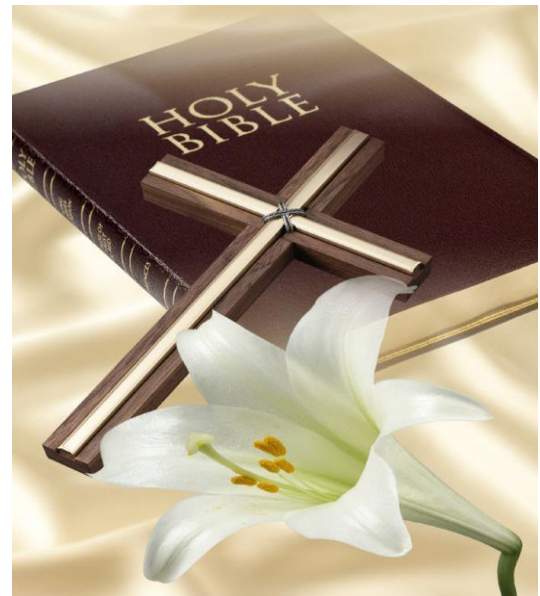
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***He Is Risen!!***

***“Because I live, you also will live”  
John 14:19 NIV***