



## ***MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

# ***The Dove AUGUST 2020***

### **Pastor Wendy's Message**

My new favorite website is one that a good friend of mine introduced me to about a week ago. It's called "window swap." People from around the world videotape 10 minutes of regular life as they see it out their window and then post it online so that others can see it too.

The premise, as the people running the project states, is that it is, "Here to fill that deep void in our wanderlust hearts by allowing us to look through someone else's window, somewhere in the world for a while. It's a place on the internet where all we travel hungry fools share our 'window views' to help each other feel a little bit better till we can (responsibly) explore our beautiful planet again."

Each panorama is beautiful in its own way. Santiago, Chile has a stunning picture of the snow-covered Andes mountains. Out the window in Brooklyn, NY is the hustle and bustle of a street corner where traffic, pedestrians and cyclists converge in a picturesque neighborhood. The window on Paris, France has a long distance view of many roofs with the Eiffel Tower far in the distance. Shawnee, Kansas has a cat that likes to be part of the scenery. My favorite however is a view from someone's window in Giza, Egypt where they can see three of the pyramids every day. (The pyramids are currently number one on my bucket list. Arkansas is number two.)

While I enjoy the scenery, it also makes me wonder about the people whose views we get to share. In addition to sharing the scene the contributors get to see on a daily basis, it's also a very real window, albeit anonymous and small, into their lives. "Katie" shared her view of the gorgeous lake and landscape she sees in Alabama. What does Katie do for a living? Has she been impacted by Covid? Does she have kids who get to play outside and see that gorgeous vista every day?

"Ella's window" in Sauerland, Germany gives us a beautiful scene of her backyard full of lush trees with lovely yellow flowers on them. I wonder what kind of tree it is and whether she cultivated them herself. Do we have that species in the United States?

"Vytautas'" window in Lithuania was so high up that the view made my fear of heights kick in but it must not bother him. And while I loved "Denny's" video of his pool in St. Louis, I would not want to have to mow his large yard.

It's just normal people sharing their daily life. People I will never meet with views out their windows that I will never see in person. Each of them God's beloved child dealing with the pandemic in their lives and struggling with something – whether it be medical concerns, financial problems, kids going back to school, relationship issues, or something else. It's another way we are reminded that all of God's people are truly "in this together."

We are told in 1 Peter 3:8 that, "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind." Can you imagine how much better the world would be if we did as Peter directs and could "have unity of spirit" as we deal with this virus? The good news is we can, as long as we walk as a witness to Jesus and remember to love all of his children.

It's so easy to get caught up in our own lives believing that what we are facing is unique to us. While the specific circumstances may be (after all, nobody else is married to your spouse or working in your job), the day-to-day struggles we face are universal, especially in this time of Covid. There is some comfort in this knowing we are not alone in our worries, doubts and fears, and that others in this world understand what we are facing.

But the true peace comes from remembering that God carries each and every one of us in His loving hands, walks beside us as we journey the ups

and downs of life, and sits beside us as we look out the windows of our lives and wonder what is to come.

We don't know the future, but we trust that the Lord does. Let us take this time to rest in the presence of God, remember and pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, and share the light of Christ which illuminates the view of the world we see from every window.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

## Pastor Wendy's Announcements

### Sunday Services

The church will be open for the Sunday service at 9:30 AM, with seating limited to 40. The service will also be live-streamed via ZOOM. As directed, we will be taking the temperature of all who enter with a non-contact thermometer, and providing for hand sanitizing. Masks are required; disposable masks will be available as needed. The Sanctuary is set up for social distancing during entry, seating and exit.

### THE PARADOXICAL COMMANDMENTS

Dr. Kent M. Keith  
1968 Kent M. Keith renewed 2001

1. **People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. *Love them anyway.***
2. **If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. *Do good anyway.***
3. **If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. *Succeed anyway.***
4. **The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. *Do good anyway.***
5. **Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. *Be honest and frank anyway.***
6. **The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men or women with the smallest minds. *Think big anyway.***
7. **People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs. *Fight for a few underdogs anyway.***
8. **What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. *Build anyway.***

9. **People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. *Help them anyway.***

10. **Give the world the best you have and you will get kicked in the teeth. *Give the best you have anyway.***

<http://www.paradoxicalcommandments.com>

## Monthly Worship Schedule August 2020

### August 2

*"Oh, The Places He'll Go – Millville"*

1 Peter 2: 9-10

John 15: 5-13

### August 9

*"Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Build Anyway"*

Deuteronomy 31: 6-8

1 Thessalonians 5: 8-18

### August 16

*"Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Love Them Anyway"*

Romans 12: 9-21

John 18: 19-24

### August 23

*"Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Do Good Anyway"*

Galatians 6: 7-10

Matthew 6: 1-4

### August 30

*"Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Give the World the Best You Have Anyway"*

Titus 2: 11-14

Colossians 3: 12-17

**Virtual Charge Conference will be held on Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm.**

**Conference reports are due in the office by September 18. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn:  
Church 539-9077 Home (302-539-9598)**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Our Financial Health.... Have Faith!!

How many times does the Bible tell us when faced with adversity, to Have Faith, that our Heavenly Father knows our situation and will provide comfort in His time and in His way. In my last report, I presented some concerns about the decline in worship giving, and the impact it may have on our ability to sustain the church over the next six months.

At a finance committee meeting this past week, we established some actions that will hopefully mitigate the effect of the giving decline while addressing the cause of that decline.

We are prayerfully optimistic that our faith, and those actions, will result in an improved financial situation as we start the new year.



### Trustees Report

All major repair/improvement projects are on hold until further notice. Minor maintenance and repair projects (HVAC repair, cleaning, etc.) have been and will continue to be scheduled to ensure the safety and comfort of our church family. The Trustees will meet on Monday, August 10 at 7:00 PM in Wesley Hall.

### Special Events

All In-House Church Special Events and meetings are cancelled until further notice.

### Coming in the Fall

#### Crop Walk - October 18

Details will follow

### Weekly Happenings at Millville

|          |                 |         |
|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Saturday | Praise Service  | 6:00 PM |
| Sunday   | Worship Service | 9:30 AM |

**Pastor Wendy will be in the office** 5 or 6 days a week, pending emergencies or unforeseen circumstances. You may call her at **302-743-4047** or email **PastorWendyB@gmail.com**.

## Missions Giving

### 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: International Disaster Response**  
Advance # 982450

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

## Ministries

### To activate the Prayer Chain

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

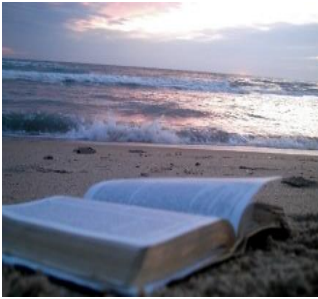
Please contact Sharon Graham @ 537-0772 with any questions.

## “Loving Care”

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

### ACTS

If you have a donation, please call ahead for an  
appointment - Phone 302 539-3513  
34634 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View



## Saturday Praise and Worship Service

**6:00 PM at Wesley Hall**

This is an informal fellowship which includes a special time of sharing our joys and concerns, followed by prayer and a message from the scriptures, and from the heart by one of our speakers. During the month of August, Pastor Wendy, Janet Smith and Donald Maebly will be leading the service. We will be following the Governor’s guidelines for church services. Join us and bring a friend!

### **Record of Faith Journey**

In March and April, I sent out to all members a record sheet for you to complete your “Faith Journey” and most of you returned it to me by mail or email. Thank you so very much! It is important that Millville UMC keeps a record of each member’s Faith Journey. These records are private and will not be shared with anyone except for Pastor and Membership Secretary. If you have not completed it, please do so and return it to me as soon as possible. If you have any

questions, please contact Donna Binaut, MUMC Membership Secretary at 302-829-1680.

### ~ Special Notes ~

**If you have questions regarding:**

~ Scheduling Requests for use of Wesley Hall~  
~ Flowers on the Altar~  
~ Prayer List Additions or Corrections~

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

### **Reader/Greeter Schedule**

The readers/greeters will not be required until further notice.

### **August Birthdays**



5 – Don Maebly  
6 – Betty Moffett  
8 – Harold Witmer  
14 – Bob Dennis  
17 – Ellen Hitchens  
17 – Tom Binaut  
18 – Thelma Guzman  
19 – Lois Lathbury  
20 – Joe Skinner  
21 – Charlie Wyckoff  
23 – Tommy Hiott  
27 – Ellie Trait

### **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

#### Worship Service Cancellation

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

### Contact Information

#### Millville United Methodist Church

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#### Pastor Wendy Butterworth

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#### Church website:

[www.millvillemethodistchurch.org](http://www.millvillemethodistchurch.org)

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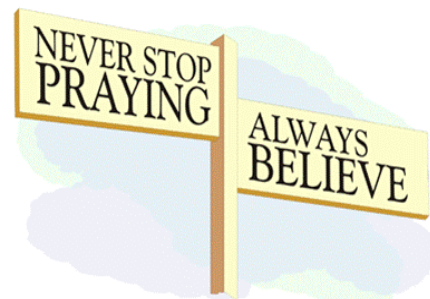
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If you have questions/comments about our newsletter, please contact the Dove Editors:  
Marilyn Ferry, Rich Spina

## GOD BLESS AMERICA



**“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and PRAY, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from HEAVEN, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14**



## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **CANCER**

Alvin  
Dolly Beckstein  
Lou Ciccanti  
Gene (neighbor)  
Pat Hignett  
Barbara Holden  
Paula Howard  
Donald Maeby  
Megan  
Neil Neumann  
Ed Palmer  
Patsy Prunkl  
Pat Rust  
Matt Scott & Family  
Ron B. Smith  
Shirley West  
Luella Wright

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Linda Adkins  
Pete Alt  
John Amato  
Tom Binaut  
Michael Brown (Army)  
Bob Chin & Family  
Janet Cole  
Christine Crockett  
Georgene Dixon  
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene  
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit  
Jill Ericson  
Jerry Guagent  
Gregory Hall  
Bertha Hebel  
Ralph Hitchens  
Lauren Hoffman  
Richard Hudson  
Susan Kent  
Jerry Lingenfelter  
Kim McFadden  
Claire Supernaw  
Ava & Jennifer Tansey & Family  
Geri Townsend  
George & Mary Towson  
Chuck & Charlotte Tracey & Family  
Welsh Family

## **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson  
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa  
Pastor Wendy Butterworth  
UMC Council of Bishops

## **ALL SERVICE MEN & WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES**

## **WORLD PEACE & ORDER**

President Donald Trump and his staff  
Congress

## **LOCAL & CONFERENCE MISSIONS**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

## **LORD BALTIMORE STAFF**

## **STUDENTS AND STAFF IN ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS AMERICA**

## **HEALING**

All those in our church family grieving the loss of a loved one

