



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Dove* *JANUARY 2020

Message From Pastor Brad

Be Wary of Drifting

There is a tradition throughout Christianity to spend New Year's Eve in church for a special time of worship called a Watch Night service. As with Christmas Eve candlelight services, you start at 11:00 pm and end a little after 12:00 am so that you've ended the year and begun the new one focused on God, instead of the more worldly things many others are focused on that night. Although we don't observe this tradition because like many of you it's a miracle if I stay up until midnight at home, it has been on my mind. This past Sunday we heard from Hebrews chapter 2 in worship and in my study we looked at the beginning of the chapter which has a lot to say about paying attention.

Paul starts Hebrews 2 by warning his audience to, "pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away" (NIV). In the next three verses Paul brings this point home by laying out all the ways that the Lord shared the message of salvation and gave evidence to it through words, "signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will" (2:4). This is a message we need to hear today as much as the early church because the temptation to and extreme ease at which we can drift away from the ways of Christ is as real today as it was then.

What are all the ways you can think of that we can allow ourselves to drift? We can be quite subtle and creative at this, doing it by overcomplicating things, shifting our focus, rationalizing, and probably many more ways. So, what is the solution? How can we possibly resist or rise above all these pitfalls that we face throughout

our daily life? As you may imagine, it's quite simple and brings us back to Watch Night. Our only hope is to keep watch for and pay attention to Christ. Every day, every moment, with every fiber of our being. If you're anything like me all it takes is one wayward thought or opening of my mouth and in the blink of an eye, I've messed things up. This doesn't mean we have to live ever vigilant or teeter on being legalistic.

We are blessed to be able to live with and grow into a question that can radically change our lives and brighten the days of those we encounter. In everything, we have the chance to ask ourselves, "How can I please the Lord and share the grace of God with whatever I say, do, or think next?". As we begin a new year individually and as a church it's a wonderful time to renew our focus to this calling and recommit to making the ways of Christ the through line which keeps us anchored in His ways. How can we live our lives grounded in the grace of God and moving in Christ's love? May we find new answers to this every day that remind us of whose we are and point our neighbors toward our living God. New Year's Blessings, Pastor Brad

Pastor Brad's Announcements

January 2020 Worship Series "Return and Refocus"

- 01/05 – "Better Directions", Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12 and John 1:1-9
- 01/12 – "Living Well Pleased", Baptism of the Lord
Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17
- 01/19 – "Come and See"
Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42
- 01/26 – "Needing to Withdraw"
1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor Brad's Bible Study

On Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:00 PM Pastor Brad's Bible Study will resume in Wesley Hall with a study on the Gospel of Mark. All are invited to this study, regardless of Bible knowledge or past church experience, and there's no book needed other than a Bible. We will be meeting every Wednesday at 1:00PM in Wesley Hall throughout the year.

New Member's Class

Pastor Brad will be holding the next class for new members and those who want to learn about the United Methodist Church in Wesley Hall beginning in February. New members will go through a 6-week study on the membership vows of the United Methodist Church with a mentor later this year. To join this class please e-mail Pastor Brad at umcpastorbrad@outlook.com or sign-up on the sheet on the back table of the sanctuary and indicate if you would like to join the church.

Mission Notes

For those who don't know, Pastor Brad is the chairperson of the Peninsula Delaware Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. One of the most exciting and uplifting things this board gets to do is award three scholarships to incoming and current college students based on financial need, academic merit, and their participation in United Methodist campus ministries.

These scholarships are funded entirely by the churches of our conference and their members. If you feel led to do so, you can give to these scholarships through our Sunday offering through the end of January, please **mark any checks or envelopes as Conference Scholarships**. Thank you in advance for your generous giving to young people who are pursuing higher education!

Dover District Events

Contact Amy Willey 302-526-2629

Saturday, January 18th – Impactful Service Workshop from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Mt. Olivet UMC in Seaford, DE

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

As of December 31, 2019, our worship giving was under budget by over \$3,500. Our expenses were over budget by about \$400. Although our worship giving was under by about \$1,300 compare to last year, 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



Trustees Report

Sanctuary Projection System: This project is under consideration as a 2020 effort.

Facility Security:

The Trustees are still waiting for a response from our insurance company on liability coverage for our security volunteers who may use pepper spray. Before endorsing, Trustees requested, and the team provided information on products and training in the use of this material. Trustees are evaluating this information.

We are implementing the procedure that calls for the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall doors to be secured shortly after services/Sunday school start, and reopened just before the service ends. Additional approved actions will be implemented in the near future, including video surveillance of entry doors and parking lot.

Sanctuary Computer: Due to recent problems with the current system, the Trustees will be considering replacement with a system capable of supporting advanced applications for hymns, scripture, and other service needs. Rich Spina

Missions

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

Mission Status Year-to-Date

Local Missions.....	\$ 1,165.61
May Annual Conference.....	\$ 339.00
Human Relations Sunday.....	\$ 108.00
UMCOR Sunday.....	\$ 175.00
Disaster 901670.....	\$ 875.00
Native American Sunday.....	\$ 50.00
Peace with Justice Sunday.....	\$ 95.00
World Comm. Sunday.....	\$ 20.00
United Methodist Student Day.....	\$ 90.00
Pastor Rations Challenge.....	\$ 728.00
Crop Walk.....	\$ 540.00
Life Outreach International	
Christmas Shoes.....	\$ 2,520.40
Southeast Sussex Minist.	\$ 200.00
Millville Fire Company.....	\$ 100.00
Salem Food Pantry.....	\$ 2,350.00
Union Wesley Food Pantry.....	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 9,956.01

UMW Notes From Donna

MUMC Ladies Breakfast Club

Come join us at Bethany Diner on Friday, January 24th at 10:00 am for breakfast. Had breakfast already? Have a cup of coffee with us. The whole purpose of the breakfast club is to join the women of the church together in fellowship. We will be meeting on the fourth Friday of each month. I will post this information each month in the Dove. Let me know if you can make it and I will make sure you get a seat at the table. Many blessings, Donna Binaut

Many Thanks and Many Blessings

I would like to thank all the members of the UMW, who worked many hours getting ready for the Christmas Bazaar last November. It was totally a team effort and frankly a lot of fun. But we couldn't do this without the generous support we get every year from our Millville church family and their friends.

Here a list of mission work we supported in 2019:

- Lord Baltimore Elementary School Student Assistance Program
- Ministerium
 - Lenten Soup & Salad Luncheon
 - Health Fair – Snack bags

- Wesley Hall
 - Pastor's Office Computer
 - All Bake sales monies went to the Mortgage
 - Three 8' tables
 - Cleaning of the Chairs
- Barratt's Chapel
- Student mission trip to Nashville, TN
- BOOM Scholarships
- Phillip C. Showell ES, Nursing supplies
- Church Pavers for past UMW Members
- WBOC's Bless Our Children Allen Harim Challenge

I am looking forward to an exciting new year with new leadership and all the great ladies who make this UMW possible. First meeting of the UMW in 2020 is February 4th. Donna Binaut

Special Events

Pot Luck Dinner

No January Potluck! Pot Luck will resume on **February 2nd**. Bring your love's favorite dish and your love or a friend or both. Elizabeth



Service for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Ann's Church in Bethany Beach

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM

The Churches in the Ministerium, as well as our MUMC choir and others, will be participating in this service. Everyone is invited to attend and join in this celebration of Christian Unity.

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. 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!

Thank you! Ellie Trait

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.

Choir Notes

Choir practice is held every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Wesley Hall. 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
“With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord.....” *Ezra 3:11 NIV*

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	Bible Study—Mark	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
	Pastor’s Study	10:30 AM

Pastor Brad’s Office Schedule

Tuesday	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday and Saturday	- Sabbath and Family time

Monthly Meetings

UMW	No January Meeting
Finance Comm.	No January Meeting
Trustees	January 20, 7:00 PM
Admin. Council	No January Meeting
SPPRC	No January Meeting

Fit for Life

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!! Carol (410-530-3002)

Small Groups –Weekly

Pastor Brad’s Study - 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

New Member’s Class--Will begin in February; details to follow.

Pastor Brad’s Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark will begin on Wednesday, January 22 at 1:00 PM. We will meet every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in Wesley Hall, throughout the year.

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, Hurricane Relief for Islands Affected by “Doria”
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!
During the winter months,
we meet at McDonalds
Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Come and share in a time of prayer, fellowship and breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonalds on Route 1. 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 Maeby

Week 5 – As needed: Janet Smith

Donald Maeby

Lou Ciccanti

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



A winter’s portrait, so bountiful,
Nature’s gift indeed;
Touches our lives through each new day,
God’s gifts.....that’s all we need!
Excerpt from poem by Dianne Cogar

Church Family News

Jean Turner Appreciation



I know I speak for our church family when I offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jean for her service as treasurer of our church for more than 20 years. We have been so blessed to have Jean as the caretaker of the treasure the Lord has provided us to do His work. Jean retired from the treasurer position as of the end of December 2019. Jean's dedication, extraordinary capability, attention to detail, and integrity gave us great confidence that funds were in the best hands possible. With Jean's retirement, Laura Weaver has volunteered to serve as treasurer starting January 1, 2020. We wish both Jean and Laura well as they start a new phase of their Christian journey.

The "Truly Christmas" Cast



CHURCH INFORMATION

Keeping Wesley Hall Clean

After completion of any activities and events that take place in the Wesley Hall at which food has been served, please make sure that the Hall is left as you found it. Here is a check list for the leader of the activity/event to see is followed:

1. **Please take all food home.** Unless you are coming back the next day to get it or eat it, please take it home. Mark food that you leave, if not marked it's anyone's who wants it. If you left something, check back in a couple of days. We have many activities and events that need the room in the refrigerator. Also, we have ice in the freezer; please feel free to use it.
2. **Please clean, dry and put away all items used from the kitchen.**
3. **Buying items to be used.** Thank you for purchasing cups, coffee, plates, etc. Please don't leave them on the countertop. We have plenty of cabinet space which holds the following: Napkins, Plates and bowls, Cups, Plastic silverware, etc. Look around to see where these items are stored.
4. **Please be certain to wipe off the tables and kitchen countertops.** Just use a wet paper towel and dry it.
5. **Please also make sure the chairs have no crumbs.**
6. **Please make sure the floor is swept.** There is a broom and dust pan in the Janitor's closet near the restroom.

Thank you for helping keep our Wesley Hall clean. Many hands make light work.

Donna Binaut



Readers / Greeters schedule for 2020 Looking for Readers and Greeters

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

Many blessings, Donna

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

January Birthdays



- 1 – Connie Troutman
- 7 – Chuck Martin
- 10 – Joe Moran
- 12 – Sonny Seal
- 17 – Earle Gerding
- 19 – Katy Pugh
- 29 – Dianna Hiott

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 altar flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the church.

To reserve your date, please write your name next to your choice as soon as possible. You may give me a note with your dedication (“In Honor of” or “In Memory of”) and message, along with \$20.00 for the cost of the flowers – no later than a week before your date occurs.

Either cash or a check (made payable to Millville United Methodist Church) is acceptable. If you pay by cash, please be sure to include your name on the envelope. Please give all flower money to me rather than putting it in the offering plate. Thank you for helping to beautify the Sanctuary for our Service.

Marilyn Ferry

Reader/Greeter Schedule (Subject to change as needed)

January 2020

Date	Reader	Greeters
5	Tom Binaut	Bev Brady & Betty Moffett
12	Rich Spina	Alice Brubaker & Millie Cheek
19	Carol Gorden	Chuck & Ellen Erbe
26	Marianne Smith	Rich & Rosemary Spina

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.

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Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning:

Dear Father, let it be,

In working or in waiting,

Another year with Thee;

Another year of progress,

Another year of praise,

Another year of proving

Thy presence all the days.

.....*Frances Ridley Havergal*

As A Baby, Jesus Came

As a baby, Jesus came
From His home above;
He left His throne, and who He was,
To teach us how to love.

As a baby, Jesus came,
Wrapped in swaddling cloth;
Willingly took on humanity,
Though He was one with God.

As a baby, Jesus came
To one day grow to be
The savior of the human race,
People like you and me.

As a baby, Jesus came
As God's eternal light
That will never be extinguished,
But forever shine out bright.

As a baby, Jesus came
The hope of eternal life,
Reconciling us back to God,
Giving meaning to our lives.

As a man, Jesus died,
His blood poured out for all,
Cleansing and forgiving us,
For to this, He was called.

We thank Him that He came a babe
And grew to be a man;
And for His sacrificial love,
His nailed scarred feet and hands.

Through it all we can live on
With Jesus Christ our Lord;
The babe that came that first Christmas
Is what we thank Him for.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

**Dolly Beckstein
Lou Ciccanti
Gene (neighbor)
Pat Hignett
Barbara Holden
Paula Howard
Donald Maebly
Ed Palmer
Patsy Prunkl
Pat Rust
Matt Scott & Family
Ron B. Smith
Jeaninnie Todd
Shirley West
Luella Wright**

SPECIAL NEEDS

**Linda Adkins
Pete Alt
John Amato
Michael Brown (Army)
Bob Chin & Family
Janet Cole
Christine Crockett
Georgene Dixon
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit
Jerry Guagent
Gregory Hall
Bertha Hebel
Ellen Hitchens
Lauren Hoffman
Richard Hudson
Susan Kent
Jerry Lingenfelter
Kim McFadden
Kathleen Shoobridge & Family
Claire Supernaw
Geri Townsend
George & Mary Towson
Welsh Family**

CHRISTIAN LEADERS

**Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa
Pastor Brad Schutt
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**

